

## APPLICANT SUBMISSIONS

The documents below were submitted to the OHMVR Division Headquarters for the OHMVR Commission to use in evaluating proposed projects. They are provided in the order in which they were received.

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**To:** OHVINFO; Roach, Kelly  
**Cc:** Rogers, Randy - Code Enforcement  
**Subject:** Request for adjustment of grant score

*OHV Commission,*

*Please consider the attached data in the adjustment of the grant score for the County of San Bernardino LUSD, Code Enforcement Division grant application. The data is new because the County ordinance was effective July 1, 2006 and the program had just been started as we were in the process of writing the grant. We believe that the data collected in the last 4 months will prove to you that our application is deserving of a higher score. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.*

<<OHV Application Comments1.pdf>>

<<LUSD Code Enforcement Grant Analysis 1.pdf>>

*Thank you,*

*Maria Gonzales*

*Code Enforcement Officer III*

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## 1. General Project Description

San Bernardino County is the largest county in the contiguous United States.

The geographic jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Division encompasses 20,105 mi<sup>2</sup> of area. Code Enforcements provides service to 3 major unincorporated county areas, those areas being the desert, mountain and valley.

The desert area includes cities of Needles, Barstow, Baker, Trona, Red Mountain, Victorville, Apple Valley, Adelanto, Hesperia, Stoddard Valley, Phelan, Yucca Valley and Yermo. County Code Enforcement services an area of approximately 18,852 sq. miles with a population of 199, 648.

The valley includes the cities of Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills, Upland, Fontana, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, Loma Linda, Highland, Redlands and Yucaipa. This area is approximately 572 square miles and the population served is 49,648.

The Mountain areas include Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City, Forest Falls, and Green Valley Lake. The mountains are approximately 681 square miles and the population served is 18,900.

In addition to the population served over 600,000 visitors vacation at various designated Off-highway vehicle (OHV) areas of San Bernardino County, many individuals are legal riders. But, there are many other OHV riders using undesignated areas of the unincorporated county. Some of these areas include private properties.

In an effort to deter illegal OHV riding and to abate non-permitted staging areas, noise limit violations, peace and quiet violations, the County of San Bernardino has implemented Ordinance No.3973. **Ordinance 3973 will NOT be applied to LEGAL RIDING areas such as Johnson Valley, Lytle Creek SVRA, Park Moabi County and many other legal OHV riding areas. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce conflict between various groups and to reduce intrusion into wilderness, closed areas and private property, but the ordinance is 100% in support of legal OHV riding.**

Effective July 1, 2006, the Code Enforcement office will begin an OHV ordinance educational and enforcement program. Three staff members have been designated to handle OHV complaints. In an effort to properly serve the community Code Enforcement officers will work weekends and holidays, when OHV traffic is at its peak. Initially the officers will be offering information to illegal OHV riders. The officers will handout pamphlets with information redirecting the illegal OHV riders to appropriate OHMV areas. Park names, maps and relevant County Code Sections will be given to all illegal OHV riders and any others that request the information. Citations will not be issued for the first 2 months.

After the 2 month warning period, illegal OHV riders will be given the educational pamphlets but will also receive a citation. A citation will only be issued to an individual operating any Off-highway motor vehicle (OHMV) on private and public property without having written permission from the person or entity that is in possession of the property or that owns the property granting permission to operate OHMV's thereon. The OHV rider may also be cited if he/she is disturbing the peace or quiet of any neighborhood person by noise, dust, smoke, or fumes caused by an OHMV or by staging an OHMV event of 10 or more persons without first obtaining and maintaining a Temporary Special Event Permit for a Minor Event.

Ordinance No. 3973 allows large lot property owners to enjoy their land by riding their OHMV's, as long as they are not disturbing the peace and quiet of their neighbors. In instances when the use of an OHMV creates a nuisance our Code Enforcement Officers will be able to direct the enthusiast to appropriate riding areas but may also cite them for violating the ordinance. **A citation will only be issued when an individual creates a public nuisance. The nuisance is handled similarly to a nuisance created by a neighboring barking dog. As long as the dog is not creating a nuisance the dog is not a problem. Similarly if a resident wants to ride his OHV on his personal property and he does not create a public nuisance for his neighbors then he is allowed to ride on his property without penalties.** San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Officers make great efforts to promote safe, legal OHMV recreation. All efforts **are** made to inform the public and direct them to appropriate riding areas.

## **2. Analysis of Project Needs and Benefits**

### **A. How Code Enforcement Efforts Will Sustain Long-Term OHV Recreation**

San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Division is dedicated to providing excellent customer service to all of its residents. The Code Enforcement Division will address all OHMV public complaints. When a complaint is received our designated OHV Code Enforcement officers will investigate the complaint and determine if a violation of County Ordinance No. 3973 exist. Offenders will be treated in accordance with Ordinance No. 3973. The primary goal of the department is to abate violations of health, safety, and welfare against our community. Violations such as noise, dust, smoke, and fumes are considered nuisances and are due to the secondary effects of OHMV use. In addition to the enforcement of the ordinance our department will educate the public on legal OHMV use areas thus supporting and sustaining long-term OHV recreation. Code Enforcement's goal is to redirect riders to legal OHV State Park recreation areas. Pamphlets with maps and locations of legal OHV riding areas will be given to those trespassing closed areas, private areas and any other unauthorized areas. Upon request pamphlets will be available to anyone. The goal of redirecting illegal riders to approved OHV riding areas is to abate ordinance violations, reduce resource damage, intrusion into private areas, wilderness, and closed areas thus reducing tension between various recreation interests.

Since the implementation of the County of San Bernardino OHV ordinance in July of 2006 it is now apparent that the number of OHV enthusiast contacts was drastically underestimated. The application was written about a program that had not yet been put into practice. As of today the Code Enforcement Division has been implementing the new ordinance for approximately 5 months. OHV enforcement officers have reported approximately 7,000 OHV related public contacts for the months of July, August, September and October. Some of these contacts were made as part of the educational and outreach activities. The officers have attended community group meetings for Morongo Clean Team, Community ORV Watch (COW) and Landers OHV Group. The officers give informational talks on OHV related topics. They have a Q&A session and they also hand out educational material on safe, legal OHV riding areas. The OHV Code Enforcement Officers have made a large number of contacts at gas stations located on major highways that lead to OHV riding areas, legal and illegal areas. At these gas stations they have handed out over 3,000 educational pamphlets and legal OHV riding area maps. Efforts in educating OHV enthusiast on safe, legal riding areas is a priority in reducing resource damage. An OHV ordinance educated public will be less likely to purposefully damage natural resources. The well informed OHV rider is less likely to intrude into the wilderness, closed areas

or private properties. The less damage we incur on our beautiful wilderness the longer we can sustain long-term OHV recreation.

Aside from educational outreach our Code Enforcement officers also patrol the communities seeking violators, trespassers, intruders. The officers have issued over 75 warning citations to people that are found riding in closed areas, unauthorized private properties, violating the staging ordinance, or noise ordinance.

## **B. How Code Enforcement Will Address OHV Related Public Safety Issues**

The Code Enforcement department has been designated as the enforcement agency for ordinance No. 3973. Public safety issues will be addressed with the enforcement of the County ordinance. OHV use in unauthorized areas will be decreased as our designated OHV Code Enforcement Officers address complaints, cite violators and redirect them to legal riding areas. With the proper equipment our Code Enforcement Officers will not only enforce the County Ordinance on OHMV riding but will also respond to emergencies and assist in rescue situations. The vehicle radios and the winches will enhance Code Enforcement's ability to assist in emergency situations. The radios will be used to communicate with other officers and other public agencies. The winches will be used to pull disabled OHVs from dangerous situations. The Code Enforcement Division will implement proactive measures and patrol the unincorporated areas of the county to ensure that illegal activity is subdued. Informational County Code road signs will be posted in unauthorized riding areas. These signs will address illegal OHMV riders, again redirecting them to legal OHV riding areas. Educational/outreach efforts will include giving the public verbal and written information on OHV related public safety issues.

Our officers work Friday through Monday. They put in 10 hour days and are available and working during holidays. They investigate OHV related complaints. The complaints include issues with illegal riders on private property, illegal staging of OHV events, noise limit complaints, and disturbing the peace and quiet complaints. In the last 4 months they have investigated 70 new complaints. They made 1549 enforcement contacts. The officers issued 75 warning citations and 24 court citations. 12 court citations were found to be invalid because the rider claimed to have no valid ID and gave incorrect information to the citing officer. 2 citations are awaiting court trial, 2 citations are awaiting arraignment. The officers patrol the High and Low desert areas seeking to stop unauthorized riders from trespassing into private and transitional land.

Our Code Enforcement officers also respond to several emergency situations. Their emergency response includes the Pioneer Town fire. OHV riders were found out in Pioneer Town and the officers were called out to investigate and issue citations. They also responded to an OHV crash in Landers. Our officers directed traffic while the injured OHV riders were attended to by paramedics.

The OHV enforcement officers also assisted the Sheriff with the crash investigation and issued citations to the illegal OHV riders. Code Enforcement Officers assisted in the search and rescue of 2 missing OHV riders in Deep Creek. The riders were found and assisted. The hard work of one of our officers assisted The Marine Corp Military Police in making an arrest of an OHV unauthorized rider. Our Code Enforcement Officer observed an OHV rider riding on the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Grounds at Twenty-nine Palms. He called the Provost Marshall's Office and they immediately sent their Military Police to investigate. Our officer followed the riders so he would not get away. The Military Police then proceeded in arresting the illegal rider and invited our officer on their property so he could issue the illegal rider a citation.

Other emergency situations that our officers have assisted with include the rescue of vehicles stuck in the sand. Our officers have been able to pull over 12 OHV's from the sand using a winch. Great efforts have been made to assist the community.

### **C. Code Enforcement's Efficient Use of OHV Trust Funds**

The Code Enforcement Division currently has 3 OHMV Code Enforcement Officers, strictly designated to address OHMV complaints. Ford Rangers 4x4's have been authorized for purchase. These items have been funded by General Funds. The costs of these items are in excess of the required 25% match. Reliance on OHV Trust Funds is limited to the request for well needed equipment for the safety of the Code Enforcement Officers. The requested winches will be used to pull out disabled OHMV's from emergency situations. The radios will be used for officer communication to ensure Code Enforcement Officer safety, while patrolling and responding to complaints. The signs will be used to inform the public of non-permitted OHV riding areas. The pamphlets will be used for educational/outreach redirect the public to State designated OHMV areas. The reliance on OHV Trust Funds is limited to the request for funds to purchase the above mentioned items.

In the last 3 months our OHV enforcement officers have been working with several other agencies. These agencies include the San Bernardino County Sheriff, BLM and the US Forest Service. SB County Sheriff – Code Enforcement works on Fridays and Saturdays, they respond to public nuisance OHV complaints for the Sheriff to free their deputies up for more serious criminal calls.

BLM Rangers – They do sweeps and joint operations with them at BLM land/Urban interface areas for illegal OHV use. They work with the US Forest Service – They meet to discuss private property OHV complaints within Forest Service boundaries.

#### **D. Code Enforcement's History of Successful Implementation of a Similar Project**

The Code Enforcement Division in past years implemented the Waste Tire Enforcement Program (WTEP) into the daily activities of its Code Enforcement Officers. The Division received a \$300,000.00 grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWIMB) to be used for inspections/surveys of businesses involved in the collection, transportation, and disposal of waste and used tires. Surveillance of illegal waste tire transportation, enforcement of ordinances, collection of illegally dumped waste tires, business and public education on laws and regulations governing the collection, transportation and disposal of waste tires are all duties that were implemented as services provided for the granted funds.

Code Enforcement reports and bills CIWIMB on a quarterly basis. In past quarters Code Enforcement has met its projected goals in hours dedicated to the WTEP. The Division is fiscally accountable for all hours charged to CIWIMB. Detailed records of hours worked on the program have been documented and kept on record for auditing purposes. Funds have been properly spent and documentation to support this is on file with our Administrative Department. Code Enforcement is committed to implementing an excellent OHV program. 3 Code Enforcement Officers have been dedicated to strictly educate the public, enforce the county ordinance on OHMV and support legal OHMV use.

The CIWIMB grant was received in 2004/2005. Reporting for this grant was done on a quarterly basis. The targeted inspections of 700 for the year was met and completed on a timely basis. The grant funds were used for designated purpose. Code Enforcement was careful to ensure that all inspections were completed in accordance with the CIWIMB regulations. Records of all inspections have been documented. Funds received have been recorded and tracked by our Administrative Department. Code Enforcement successfully implemented the Tire Inspection Program into regular Code Enforcement duties. Surveillance, inspections, issuance of Notice of Violations, inspections and re-inspections are all duties of CIWIMB Tire Program.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV</b>	<b>[18 out of 35]</b>	<b>SB County LUSD proposed score revision [35 out of 35]</b>
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.	The applicant would use patrol, education and public contact to reduce resource damage.	Code Enforcement has taken a proactive approach in reducing resource damage by handing out over 3,000 educational OHV pamphlets and maps. Since July 1, 2006 officers have made approximately 7,000 OHV related contacts, giving riders information on legal riding areas, the county ordinance guidelines and other related info.
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.	The applicant would use patrol, education and public contacts to redirect riders to legal riding areas.	Code Enforcement Officers patrol unauthorized riding areas. Illegal OHV riders are given materials that direct them to legal OHV riding areas, warning citations and court citations. Intruders, and violators are kept out of the wilderness, private properties and closed areas using the county OHV ordinance as the citing authority. Signs will also be used as a way to reduce intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.
c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.	The applicant would use patrol, education and public contacts to redirect riders to legal riding areas, reducing conflicts.	In developing the OHV ordinance, Code Enforcement created a stakeholders group consisting of environmental groups and OHV representatives. Our officers have attended meetings with Morongo Clean Team, Community ORV Watch and Landers OHV Group. The officers give informational OHV related talks. They have a Q&A session to answer any pertinent questions. Code Enforcement Officers have used outreach educational sessions as a means of reducing conflict between various recreational interest.
<b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b>	<b>[10 out of 30]</b>	<b>SB County LUSD proposed score revision [25 out of 30]</b>

# OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT ANALYSIS FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LUSD CODE ENFORCEMENT

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes.	The project would primarily enforce a county OHV and noise ordinance.	Code Enforcement officers work Friday through Monday enforcing the County Off Highway Motor Vehicle public nuisance ordinance which in part adopts relevant portions of the CVC. The officers investigate OHV related complaints. The complaints involve illegal riders on private property, illegal staging of OHV events, noise limit complaints, and disturbing the peace and quiet complaints. Code Enforcement Officers have made a total of 1549 enforcement contacts in a four month period. They have issued 75 warning citations, 24 court citations and investigated over 70 new complaints in that same period. The officers patrol High and Low desert areas seeking to stop unauthorized riders from trespassing into private and transitional land.
b. Emergency response.	The applicant would assist with emergencies.	The OHV Code Enforcement Officers respond to OHV related emergencies as dispatched by the Sheriff's Dept. CE Officers also respond to OHV related accidents. Our officers assist with traffic control while the injured OHV riders are attended to by paramedics. Afterward the officers assisted the Sheriff's Deputies with the investigation and issue citations to if necessary. The officers have also assisted in the search and rescue of 2 missing OHV riders in Deep Creek. The Provost Marshall's Office was notified of an OHV trespasser. The Military Police were immediately dispatched to investigate. Our Code Enforcement Officer followed the illegal OHV rider and when invited on to the Marine Corp grounds he issued a citation to the illegal rider. Our officers have also rescued over 12 stuck, OHV's vehicles. They used tow straps to pull the stuck vehicles from the sand.
c. Search and rescue.	The applicant would assist with SAR.	The officers have also assisted in the search and rescue of 2 missing OHV riders in Deep Creek. Our officers have also rescued over 12 stuck, OHV vehicles. They used a winch to pull the stuck vehicles from the sand. Our Code Enforcement Officers are making great efforts to assist in the welfare of our community.
d. Education/Outreach	The applicant would use field contacts for education.	Code Enforcement Officers have made approximately 7,000 OHV related public contacts. Educational pamphlets have been handed out to OHV riders. Information on safe, legal riding areas has been given to several thousand OHV riders. OHV information has been given out during community meetings.
e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	The applicant would use patrol and signing.	Road signs will be used to deter illegal OHV riders from closed areas, private property and the wilderness. Our officers patrol the same areas and give warning citations and court citations to trespasser. They prevent illegal riding from occurring in unauthorized areas.
3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:	[15 out of 20]	<b>Sb County LUSD proposed score revision [16 out of 20]</b>

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT ANALYSIS FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LUSD CODE ENFORCEMENT

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds.	The applicant did not address this item.	Code Enforcement has been working with the San Bernardino County Sheriff, BLM and the US Forest Service on sweeps and regular patrol. They respond to public nuisance OHV complaints as dispatched by the Sheriff to free their deputies up for more serious criminal calls. On other occasions they do sweeps and joint operations with BLM Rangers at BLM land/Urban interface areas for illegal OHV use. Code Enforcement also works with the US Forest Service to resolve private property complaints within Forest Service boundaries.
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	Personal costs and vehicle purchase are being paid for entirely with agency funds. The agency match exceeds the mandatory match by \$264,397.	Personal costs and vehicle purchase are being paid for entirely with agency funds. The agency match exceeds the mandatory match by \$264,397.
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor.	The applicant did not address this item.	The department does not have volunteer or reserve Code Enforcement positions.
d. Reducing future costs.	The applicant did not address this item.	The mandatory match is exceeded by \$264,397. This will most certainly reduce future cost and OHV reliance. The request is for equipment that will be used for years to come.
e. Appropriate use of equipment.	Applicant would use four-wheel drive pickups, winches and radios.	Applicant would use four-wheel drive pickups, winches and radios.
<b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the</b>	[ 9 out of 15]	<b>SB County LUSD Proposed Score Revision [ 15 out of 15]</b>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided.	The applicant mentions a \$300,000 grant from the Integrated Waste Management Board. Time frame is not address.	The CIWIMB grant started in fiscal year 2003/2004 with an award of \$150,000. In 2004/2005 it was increased to \$300,000. Reporting for the grant is done on a quarterly basis. The 700 targeted inspections are completed in a timely fashion. The \$300,000 in grant funds used are well documented as required by the State.

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT ANALYSIS FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LUSD CODE ENFORCEMENT

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects.	The applicant mentions a \$300,000 grant from the Integrated Waste Management Board.	Code Enforcement Administration kept detailed records of all inspection, surveys completed by the Code Enforcement Officers. Funds received have been recorded and tracked. Surveillance, inspections, issuance of Notice of Violations, inspections and re-inspections are all duties implemented for the Waste Tire Enforcement Program. Code Enforcements ability to complete the state requirements in a timely fashion helped to increase the original grant from \$150,000 the first year to \$300,000 the second year.
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program.	The applicant is funding the \$276,904 personnel costs for the project with their matching funds.	The applicant is funding the \$276,904 personnel costs for the project with their matching funds. CE is tracking statistics at the direction of County Administrative staff for possible justification of additional officers
The score received by the division was 52%. We believe that the additional information provided will increase our application score by 39 points.	The program is now running and the Code Enforcement Division plays an important role in the success of promoting legal OHV riding.	Our department partners with many other agencies to enforce legal riding and deter wildness, private property intrusion. With the new available data we are requesting a score of 91%. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Kern County Sheriff's Department

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Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 10:25 AM

To: OHVINFO

Subject: Ohv Adjustment GRant 06/07

OHV grant 06/07. this is the info presented by Sheriff Wimbish at the 11-9 commission hearing in Ontario. the points are listed on the attached under the appropriate sections noted. The Kern County Sheriff's department is asking for a change in the points based on the presentation and the attached document. The attached document was also mailed to the commission on 11-13-06. Thanks. If there is any questions please call Sgt Kenny Williams 661-487-3147

**2. A. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in cvc or other OHV related codes**

*After submitting the grant the Kern county sheriff's department was advised of a problem within the county of kern near the townships of Randsburg and Johannesburg. The Bureau of Land Management reported approximately 230 acres is contaminated with arsenic in the ground soil caused from mining in the area. The concern is that Off Highway Vehicles are disturbing the ground soil causing it to become air born thus causing health problems within the two communities. BLM is in the process of coordinating their efforts to chain link and post signs at some of the effected area.*

*The BLM has asked the sheriff's department for extra staff and extra OHV deployments to assist in patrols in the effected area.*

Because of this new problem we ask the Commission to raise the score in this area from 22 points to 30 points.

**3. d. Reducing future costs**

*The Kern county sheriffs department is in the process of recruiting more volunteers specifically Reserves and Citizen service members to the OHV team to use during deployments. This would directly eliminate the amount of paid employees needed during any deployment.*

*Recently the sheriffs department has assigned an additional Deputy to the Ridgecrest substation which patrols the OHV areas of Jaw Bone canyon and Dove springs. This provides additional patrol to the OHV areas without deploying the OHV team.*

We ask that the commission raise the score in this area from 10 points to 15 points

**4. A. Ability to complete project within timeframe given**

*The Kern county sheriff's department OHV team has been granted funding by the state five out of it's six years of operation. All but two of the grant projects were completed within the timeframe given. The remaining two were given extensions and completed within the extension time frame.*

We ask the commission raise the score in this area from 0 points to 2 points.

**B. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects**

*The Kern county sheriff's department OHV team has been in existence for six years receiving grant funding from the state five of the six years. During this time the sheriff's department has always followed the department of parks and recreations guidelines regarding the grant procedures. On two occasions the Sheriff's Department required extensions for existing grants and where granted the extensions. The first extension was requested because of the movement of the OHV substation from the Rosamond substation to the Inyokern substation. The second extension was requested and granted because of a difference in the budget year between the county and state. Once granted the extensions were completed within the timeframe of the extension.*

We ask the commission raise the score in this area from 1 point to 3 points.

## Eldorado National Forest

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Subject: OHV Application Score Adjustment Factual Findings

Attached are statements of factual findings and recommended core adjustments for Cooperative Agreement applicaitons OR-2-E-75, OR-2-E-76, OR-2-E-77, OR-2-E-79, OR-2-E-80, and OR-2-E-81, in PDF format. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarifications. As requested, this informaiton will also be posted on our Forest website. Thank you.

(See attached file: OR-2-E-75 Ellis.pdf)(See attached file: OR-2-E-76 Enforcement.pdf)(See attached file: OR-2-E-77 Trail Maint.pdf)(See attached file: OR-2-E-79 Equipment.pdf)(See attached file: OR-2-E-80 Last Chance.pdf)(See attached file: OR-2-E-81 Restoration NEPA.pdf)

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**OR-2-E-80 RESTORATION PROJECT**Last Chance Restoration, **USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

November 3, 2006

Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage.	40	16	40
2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds.	15	10	15
3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories: a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted, b. Repair of illegal OHV activity or c. Closure due to management action.	20	15	20
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	10	8	10
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects.	15	8	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 100**

\$25,900

- **Critical resources and/or resource damage: Recommend 40.** The application describes how the project will address resource damage (sediment delivery to several streams, affecting water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, Page 116-117, 121-123).
- **Efficient use of funds. Recommend 15.** Obliteration of unneeded roads eliminates maintenance costs, while not affecting recreation opportunities. Use well established methods for efficiency and long-lasting (Page 117).
- **Address conservation, illegal OHV use, closure. Recommend 20.** Pages 117 and 118 address this; past illegal campfires and trash left, avoid continued law enforcement costs for patrols, and eliminate maintenance costs.
- **Site to be monitored and maintained. Recommend 10.** Page 118 and Page 123 describe monitoring and maintenance of restoration, using FPO patrols and resetting barriers if needed.
- **History of successfully implementing similar projects: Recommend 15.** The Forest has successfully implemented similar restoration projects over the years, as well as shown a history of fiscal accountability (Pages 118-119 of application). In particular, the

application described completion of an ongoing restoration project (Page 118). As an additional example, the Forest also completed OR-2-E-66 for Eldorado NF Law Enforcement in 2005 within the timeframe provided (Agreement approved 12/26/2004, expired 1/31/2006, funding level approved \$104,000, funding spent by 1/31/2006 \$102,675). As described in the application, the routes a proposed for treatment in this project are dead end roads or short bypasses and are not a part of an OHV opportunity, and as such the Forest has not taken measures to avoid closing these routes. The Forest has provided law enforcement patrols in this area, but has not been able to halt the illegal vehicle use, illegal campfires and dumping of trash (Pages 116 and 118 of the application).

**OR-2-E-79 EQUIPMENT PROJECT**  
**USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

November 3, 2006

Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation.	40	25	35
2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds.	20	15	15
3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need.	30	19	25
4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested.	10	4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>85</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 85**

\$16,400

**Sustains Long-Term Recreation: Recommend 35.** In the responses to elements A and B, the Forest described how operational costs and maintenance of these snowmobiles would be covered by federal funds. But there is a funding shortfall for new equipment purchases. Without reliable snowmobiles to conduct law enforcement patrols, the snowmobile program on the Amador RD is not sustainable. Consequently, this equipment grant request would be the cornerstone in sustaining long-term snowmobiling opportunities on the Forest (Page 57-58).

**Addresses Need: Recommend 25.** In response to elements A and B, the Forest described the huge demand for snowmobiling opportunities in the Hwy 88 corridor. This equipment request addresses a well established need to provide for safety patrols law enforcement and monitoring of the grooming (Page 57, 60).

**Staffing to Use and Maintain: Recommend 10.** In the response to Criteria 4, the Forest described the training requirements for any employee operating snowmobiles, including training on routine maintenance. The proposal describes that there are already existing staff that are experienced at using and routine maintenance of the equipment. All other maintenance, including technical repairs and seasonal safety inspections would be performed by professional snowmobile mechanics at the local dealers. The equipment will be stored indoors in an existing maintenance building (Page 61).

**OR-2-E-77 TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECT****USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

November 3, 2006

Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation.	40	30	36
2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds.	30	24	24
3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects.	30	12	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 84**

\$110,800

- **Sustain long-term OHV recreation: Recommend 36.** In the responses to elements B and C, the Forest is recognizing the importance of the OHV funds in avoiding future maintenance costs by focusing maintenance to minimize deferred maintenance. These funds are essential, as our federal appropriated funds are inadequate to complete all of the needed maintenance (Page 32-33 of application). Recommend score of 10 for each of these elements.
- **History of successfully implementing similar projects: Recommend 24.** The Forest has successfully implemented similar trail maintenance projects over the years, as well as shown a history of fiscal accountability (Page 36 of application). As an example, the Forest completed OR-2-E-66 for Eldorado NF Law Enforcement in 2005 within the timeframe provided (Agreement approved 12/26/2004, expired 1/31/2006, funding level approved \$104,000, funding spent by 1/31/2006 \$102,675). In addition, the Forest has described that we have trained staff to complete the work, trained volunteers, and much of the equipment and organizational infrastructure in place to carry out the project (Page 36 of application). Recommend score of 10 for elements B and C.

**OR-2-E-76 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT**  
**USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

November 3, 2006

Application Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts, Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property or Reducing conflict between various recreation interests	35	26	35
2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues.	30	23	23
3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.	20	16	20
4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects.	15	10	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>88</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 88**

\$326,200

The importance and value of the Designated Route Implementation Manager should be recognized in assuring the Forest's implementation of the upcoming designated route decision. This manager will assure development across the Forest of required maps, signs, public information, working with volunteers for patrolling, etc. Using a single person to assure this critical work is accomplished is the most efficient and cost effective way to implement the final route designation decision (Page 11 of the application). This information should have warranted full score in Criteria 1 and 3

- **Sustain long-term OHV recreation: Recommend 35.**
- **Efficient use of OHV Trust Funds: Recommend 20.**

## Ellis Restoration Project , USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST

November 3, 2006

Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage.	40	15	40
2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds.	15	12	15
3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories: a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted, b. Repair of illegal OHV activity or c. Closure due to management action.	20	15	20
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	10	6	10
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects.	15	8	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 100**

\$26,700

- **Benefits critical environmental resources and/or avoid resource damage: Recommend 40.** In the response to this criterion, the Forest described that the project will reduce the likelihood of ongoing impacts to the locally occurring highly erosive soil, wildlife habitat and impacts to sensitive areas (fragile subalpine vegetation) and water quality, particularly reducing sedimentation within Gerle Creek (Page 104 and additional detail on Pages 110-113 of the application).
- **Efficient use of funds. Recommend 15.** Project designed to eliminate future maintenance and law enforcement costs. Use well established methods for efficiency and long-lasting (Page 104-105).
- **Address conservation, illegal OHV use, closure. Recommend 20.** Pages 105 and 106 address this; have worked with clubs and organizations to educate and inform, and volunteer projects, still have had past illegal campfires and trash left, and impacts to vegetation and wildlife habitat.
- **Monitoring and maintenance: Recommend 10.** The application includes a description of monitoring and maintenance on pages 106 and 112, including the recognition of the need for adjustments to barriers, etc. based on the results of monitoring.
- **History of successfully implementing similar projects: Recommend 15** The application described completion of an ongoing restoration project. The Forest also completed OR-2-E-66 for Eldorado NF Law Enforcement in 2005 within the timeframe provided (Agreement approved 12/26/2004, expired 1/31/2006, funding level approved

\$104,000, funding spent by 1/31/2006 \$102,675). The routes and impacted areas proposed for treatment in this project are short, dead end user created routes that are not a part of the OHV opportunity, and as such the Forest has not taken measures to avoid closing these routes. The Forest has provided law enforcement patrols in this area, and has worked with volunteers to educate visitors to the area of the importance of staying on the established roadway to avoid the creation of these types of impacts (Pages 104 and 105 of the application).

**OR-2-E-81 RESTORATION PLANNING PROJECT**  
**USFS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST**

November 3, 2006

Criteria	Points Possible	Div Score	Recommended Score
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage.	40	0	40
2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds.	15	10	15
3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories: a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted, b. Repair of illegal OHV activity or c. Closure due to management action.	20	0	20
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.	10	0	10
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects.	15	8	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100</b>

**Recommended Scoring Change:**

Funding Level

**Total 100**

\$162,200

- **Benefits critical environmental resources and/or avoid resource damage:**  
**Recommend 40.** In the response to this criterion, the Forest described that the project will complete the environmental analysis and decision document for restoration and closure of specific unauthorized routes following completion of the Forest's route designation decision. The analysis will determine the necessary corrective measures to avoid further resource damage on the specific unauthorized routes to be treated (Page 86-88). The OHMVR Division's procedural guidance recognizes that completing NEPA is an appropriate element of Restoration projects (Chapt 3, page 7). The decisions made through this project will allow for implementation of the closure and restoration in the future.
- **Efficient use of funds. Recommend 15.** Project is the first step towards restoring unauthorized routes. The Forest is using qualified Forest Staff with knowledge and experience of the routes and restoration techniques. The project is also grouping areas to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The Interdisciplinary Team will analyze the use of efficient and effective measures for closure and restoration that will reduce or eliminate future maintenance and law enforcement costs (Pages 88-89).

- **Address conservation, illegal OHV use, closure. Recommend 20.** Pages 89 and 90 address this; project focuses on completing the environmental analysis needed to close and restore unauthorized routes used previously by OHVs, based on the results of the Route Designation decision expected in early 2007. The consideration of alternatives to closure is a part of the route designation decision, now in progress.
- **Monitoring and maintenance: Recommend 10.** As described on pages 90 and 99, this project will identify monitoring and maintenance needs in the decision to be made. Monitoring of the environmental analysis phase is not appropriate.
- **History of successfully implementing similar projects: Recommend 15.** The Forest has a history of successfully completing restoration projects, including the completion of the environmental analysis phase as described on pages 90 and 91. The application also described the Forest's past fiscal responsibility (Page 90-91). As an additional example, the Forest also completed OR-2-E-66 for Eldorado NF Law Enforcement in 2005 within the timeframe provided (Agreement approved 12/26/2004, expired 1/31/2006, funding level approved \$104,000, funding spent by 1/31/2006 \$102,675). The routes that will be analyzed for restoration in this project are unauthorized routes, based on the soon to be issued route designation decision, and as such, maintenance or other methods to avoid closure are not appropriate.

## Calaveras County Sheriff's Department

**From:** Timothy Sturm [mailto:TSturm@co.calaveras.ca.us]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2006 12:47 PM

**To:** OHVINFO

**Subject:**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for score adjustment based on factual findings. It will be posted on our department website ASAP.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns

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**Request for adjustment of score.  
Calaveras County Sheriff Department  
OR-776  
OR-775  
OR-774**

**OR-776 Calaveras County Sheriff Equipment**

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department concurs with division scoring and recommendations for this grant, and thanks the division.*

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**OR-775 Calaveras County Sheriff enforcement (Interface) 07**

**The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:**

**A: Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and or education efforts.**

*The project would continue to use patrol and education to keep vehicles out of closed areas to reduce resource damage.*

*As stated in the application (page 6) the schedule of the OHV deputy is highly flexible, allowing him to be both proactive and reactive in response to potential problems and resource damage within the interface. Page 6 also states that the deputy can use the computer aided dispatch program to detect patterns of reported damage and proactively patrol during those times.*

**B: Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.**

*The project will reduce intrusions into closed areas and trespassing on private property through patrol and education.*

*As stated above, the OHV deputy can flex his schedule to accomplish the patrols and education. Additionally, the application states that the Sheriff's Department works with private landowners. Sierra Pacific Industries is the largest private landowner within Calaveras County, and the Calaveras Sheriff's Department has entered into an MOU with them. (Page 4).*

*Page 3 states that the interface area borders 6 subdivisions, 3 large ranches, and a plot of land owned by Sierra Pacific industries. Over 1000 homeowners have private property rights near the Arnold Interface.*

**C: Reducing conflict between various recreational interests.**

*The applicant would use communication and conflict avoidance and resolution to reduce conflicts.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department distributes maps which display open vs. closed areas, and attends homeowner and community meetings (Page 3). Page 3 also states that the OHV deputy will participate in parades, fairs, and school programs.*

*We believe that the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department has earned full (35) Points in section 1.*

**2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues.**

**A: Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes.**

*The application states “The OHV deputy will enforce all laws (Penal Code, Vehicle Code, Fish and Game Code ect.).*

**B: Emergency Response:**

*The applications states “will respond to accidents, medical emergencies, and search and rescue operations.”*

*Page 4 of the application states that the OHV vehicle is equipped as a general patrol vehicle with code three equipment.*

**C: Search and Rescue:** *“Will respond to accidents medical emergencies and search and rescue operations, the designated OHV patrol vehicle is equipped as a general patrol vehicle with code three equipment. The OHV deputy is a member of the Calaveras County Search and Rescue Team and is called out for Search and Rescue incidents which require his equipment or expertise.*

**D: Education/ Outreach:**

*The applicant would continue to use field contacts, outreach at fairs, schools, parades, and meetings and ATV safety courses for education and outreach.*

*Page 4 of the application states that the OHV deputy will continue to teach ATV safety classes to the general public.*

**E: Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)**

*The project would use patrol and barrier tape.*

*As stated on the application (page 4), the OHV deputy passes out maps, and has assisted the USFS in sign posting projects.*

*We believe that the Calaveras County Sheriff’s department has earned full (30) Points in this category.*

**3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV trust funds:**

**A: Use of Partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV trust funds:**

*The applicant works with the US Forest service, two other County Sheriff’s Departments, Fish and Game, a state park and private property owners.*

*Page 5 states that Search and Rescue team members provide volunteer services to the OHV program.*

**B: Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees, in excess of required matching funds.**

*The findings state that although the Sheriff's department spent nearly \$18,000 to purchase equipment for the program, no other grant match is shown on the project cost and deliverables chart.*

*As shown on the PC/D chart, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department will attempt to find alternate sources of funding including volunteer use, and in lieu funds. Other sources of funding include the acquisition of seized equipment and funds from other competitive grants. Due to the competitive nature of other grants and sources, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department was not in a position to guarantee the acquisition of such funds. We hope that our \$18,000 equipment purchase from non-ohv funds will be taken into consideration as past performance.*

**C: Use of volunteers, reserves, or other low cost labor.**

*The Applications states that the volunteers provided 250hrs of volunteer labor. Volunteers ride with the deputy for safety and provide information. The project would use a part time deputy rather than a full time deputy at a lower cost than a full time deputy.*

*As stated on the application (page5), during the fiscal year of 2005, volunteers provided 250hrs of service to the OHV program. This represented a savings of nearly \$4000.00. The part time deputy has an actual cost which is less than half of what it would cost to place a full time deputy in the interface on overtime.*

**D: Reducing future costs**

*The applications states "The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department asserts that the use of volunteers will assist in reducing future costs.*

**E: Appropriate use of equipment**

*The applicant uses motorcycles, ATV's and snowmobiles.*

The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department believes that it has earned full (20) points in this section.

**The project demonstrates the applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicants:**

**A: ability to complete within the timeframe provided**

**B: History of fiscal accountability.**

*The findings indicate that neither topic was addressed, however the project costs and deliverables chart clearly states that the grant will provide a part time deputy sheriff for a total of 1040hrs. These 1040hrs are dedicated, as mentioned in the grant towards the goal of using a law enforcement strategy to sustain long term recreation. The 1040hrs are mentioned as a timeframe for the program goal.*

*The hours are spent working towards a goal, which makes it difficult to "complete" the project.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department concurs with the division findings that the application did not address the topic of fiscal accountability. Although funded separately, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department maintains one OHV program comprised of separate funding grants. As mentioned on OR-774, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department ensures*

*that each payment request is complete with all time logs, receipts, and other forms of documentation.*

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**OR-774 Calaveras County Enforcement 07**

**1: The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:**

**A: Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and or education efforts.**

*The applicant would use patrol and law enforcement to reduce resource damage.*

*The OHV Deputy distributes maps and associated literature and participates in parades, fairs, and school programs (page 4, 5). Page 6 states that the OHV deputy is available to educate the public on the rights of OHV users, as well as the rights of private property owners.*

**B: Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property**

*The applicant works with the Forest Service to patrol the boundaries of the Mokelumne and Carson Iceberg wilderness areas. Education is also used. The applicant works with private property owners to prevent trespass.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff Department has an MOU with SPI (largest landowner), and attends homeowner and citizen meetings (page 4).*

**C: Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.**

*The applicant uses education and community involvement to reduce conflict.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department distributes literature, attends meetings, and ensures that community concerns are heard and dealt with. Page 4 states that the OHV deputy will continue to have one on one contact with the public to provide education in the safe and legal operation of OHV vehicles.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department believes that it has earned full (35) points in this section.*

*(We received full points in the next section)*

**The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV trust funds. Project must include one or more of the following:**

**A: Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV trust funds.**

*The applicant works with forest service, two other sheriff's Departments, a state park, fish and game and homeowners.*

*Page 4 of the application states that the OHV deputy frequently conducts his patrols in partnership with the US forest service.*

**b. Use of other funds such as in Lieu funds, sponsorships, grants and use fees (in excess of required matching funds).**

*The application mentions plans to look for additional sources of funding. It states that the applicant spent nearly \$18,000 to purchase equipment for the program. No additional matching funds are identified.*

*As stated on page 5 the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department will attempt to find alternate sources of funding including volunteer use, and in lieu funds. Other sources of funding include*

*the acquisition of seized equipment and funds from other competitive grants. Due to the competitive nature of other grants and sources, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department was not in a position to guarantee the acquisition of such funds. We hope that our \$18,000 equipment purchase from non-ohv funds will be taken into consideration as past performance.*

**C: Use of volunteers and other low cost labor.**

*The application states that volunteers provided 250hrs in fiscal year 2005. Volunteers ride with the deputy for safety and provide information. The applicant uses mostly a deputy on regular hours instead of more expensive overtime.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department restates that the funds used from OR-774 will be used for a full time OHV program. The hours spent by volunteers total nearly \$4000.00,*

**D: Reducing Future Costs.**

*The application states "The Calaveras County sheriff's Department asserts that its use of volunteers will assist in reducing future costs.*

**E: Appropriate use of equipment:**

*The applicant uses motorcycles, ATV's snowmobiles and a four wheel drive vehicle.*

*The Calaveras County sheriff's department believes that it has earned full (20) points in this section.*

**The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicants:**

**A: Ability to complete within the timeframe provided.**

*The application states "The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department has been fiscally responsible during several previous years, and has maintained an OHV grant for several years. ....The timeframe requested is one year and the Sheriff department will continue the program for and entire year.*

**B: History of fiscal accountability:**

*The Sheriff's department has been fiscally responsible during several previous years, and has maintained an OHV grant.....each payment request is sent in complete with time logs, receipts, and other forms of documentation.*

**C: Commitment of Staff to OHV:**

**We continued the program during a time of uncertain funding during early 2006. The applicant has one full time deputy assigned to this grant. The department spent 21,840 in match funds.**

*We received full points on C.*

*The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department believes that it has earned full (15) points in this section.*

## San Diego County Sheriff's Department

**From:** Piscitelli, James [James.Piscitelli@sdsheriff.org]

**Sent:** Tue 11/14/2006 14:42

**To:** OHVINFO

**Cc:** Roach, Kelly; Pelonio, John; Charlie Conklin

**Subject:** Response to Law Enforcement Grant OR799

Attached is a PDF of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team Law Enforcement Grant #OR799 responses to our score. Please take the time and effort to review the responses and re-evaluate our score.

Thanks,

Sgt. Jim Piscitelli  
Law Enforcement Reserve Coordinator  
ORET Supervisor  
Emergency Services Division  
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MS-S-158

**[58 out of 100]**

**1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:** **[15 out of 35]**

a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

*The applicant uses patrol and education and to reduce resource damage.*

**New Information:**

**During details in Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation area the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team actively patrol area camp sites targeting illegal dumping of trash and waste. ORET also targets the use of glass containers, illegal fireworks, gasoline bombs and other hazardous materials that effect the environment inside the OWSVRA and neighboring BLM and County lands.**

b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property

*The applicant patrols boundaries of Anza Borrego Desert State Park.*

**Clarification:**

**Page 8. Paragraph 7 States:** *"During the remainder of the year, ORET routinely patrols traditional illegal off-road riding locations involving both public and private property."*

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team is a year-round Medical, Education and Enforcement program. ORET has participated in ten major events in past year that either protected private property or protected State Beaches, wilderness area such the Tijuana Estuary, and the Cleveland National Forest.**

**New Information:**

**During details in Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation area the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team responds to calls**

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**for service to area north, south, east and west of the State Park. ORET has assisted Bureau of Land Management Rangers in the Superstition/Split Mountain area south of OWSVRA. ORET has responded to calls for service in privately controlled land south and west of OWSVRA. ORET has assisted Imperial County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol at accident and enforcement scenes south and east of OWSRVA.**

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests

*The applicant did not address this item.*

**Clarification:**

**Page 8. Paragraph 8 states:** *"In San Diego County, ORET provides the ONLY specialized resource which has the personnel, vehicles, training and experience to address the myriad of off-road problems which inevitably occurs between various recreation interests. Besides providing an enforcement function, ORET provides an off-road educational program by attending school, military, parades and other special events to promote legal and safe off-road riding."*

**Through educational efforts conflicts between the off-road community and other recreations has be reduced.**

**New Information:**

**The San Diego Sheriff's Department ORET has certified ATV instructors through the ATV Safety Institute. As part of the course instruction there is a section on "Tread Lightly." An emphasis is placed on the responsibilities of being an off-road rider, protecting the environment and respecting the rights of others. All ORET members are trained in these practices and are encourage to educate the public in responsible off-roading.**

**2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:** [23 out of 30]

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes

*The applicant enforces the CVC and other codes.*

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**Clarification:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team targets the following violations that directly affect the health and safety of public in OWSVRA:**

**38020 CVC No OHV Registration**

**38170 CVC No OHV Sticker**

**38505 CVC No Helmet**

**38506 CVC Passenger on an ATV**

**38305 CVC Unsafe Speeds**

**23111 CVC Throwing Lit Object on Highway (Fireworks)**

**23152 CVC DUI**

**23222 CVC Open Container of Alcohol**

**38025 CVC Driving on Public Roadway**

**25662 B&P Minor in Possess of Alcohol**

**12700 H&S Fireworks**

**2002 CVC Hit & Run**

**2001 CVC Hit & Run Felony**

**11350 H&S Possession of Drugs**

**415 PC Disturbing the Peace**

**242/245 PC Assaults and Batteries**

**b. Emergency response**

*The applicant responds to law enforcement and medical emergencies when deployed at Ocotillo Wells SVRA (OWSVRA).*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team is a year-round 24 hours 7 day a week responders to emergency operations such as wild fires and natural disasters. ORET is recognized by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department as "Fire-Scouts" during wildfires using motorcycles, ATV's, 4X4 Patrol SUV's and the High Mobility Victim Rescue Vehicle. Each team member is equipped with Fire Gear and they are issued pagers for rapid deployment.**

**c. Search and rescue**

*The team responds to SAR incidents when deployed at OWSVRA. Air support is available.*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team is a year-round 24 hours 7 day a week responders to Search & Rescue missions outside of the off-road OWSVRA season. They are deployed in areas where the use of motorcycles, ATV's, 4X4 Patrol SUV's and the High Mobility Victim Rescue Vehicle are needed. Several members are cross-trained in SAR operations. Each team member is issued a pager for rapid deployment.**

d. Education/outreach

*The applicant has a phone hot-line, handouts, school presentations, military presentations, parades and other public events.*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team has a Web-Site page with information and links related to off-road activities.**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team annually attends end user group meetings, such as the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, to solicit input on the ORET performance to address off-road law enforcement issues in San Diego County.**

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)

*The applicant uses patrol and signs.*

**Clarification:**

**Page 9. Paragraph 8 States:** "ORET initiated an innovative signage program utilizing OHV funds which provides signs at no cost to the public to help control off-road trespass violations. This was critical following the 2003 Cedar Fire where OHV funded/ORET provided signs help control access to burned areas to aid in their recovery."

**To date, this highly successful program has provided over 1200 signs to the public to help control illegal off-road trespass violations.**

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**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team has highly visible marked trailers that are placed in the OWSVRA Park. The use of the Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Services (RACES) Command Post in a central location of the OWSVRA park serves as a notification to public that ORET is present and is patrolling the park.**

**3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following: [11 out of 20]**

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant works with San Diego PD, OWSVRA, BLM, Anza Borrego Desert State Parks, the Border Patrol, and San Diego LE Task Force.*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team works with the U.S. Forest Service to address off-road issues in National Forests.**

b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The team receives \$39,000 each year as operating funds from the OHV in-lieu of tax funds. The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$145,850 in additional matching funds.*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team's vehicles have been primarily funded using in-lieu funds for the past ten years. The vehicles included are:**

<b><u>3 1997 GMC Yukons 4X4 SUV's</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 100,000.00</u></b>
<b><u>3 1993 Pape ATV/Motorcycle Trailers</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,000.00</u></b>
<b><u>4 2001 Suzuki DRZ400 Motorcycles</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,000.00</u></b>
<b><u>4 2001 Yamaha Raptors ATV's</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 32,000.00</u></b>

<b><u>Total Value:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 187,000.00</u></b>
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c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

*The applicant uses volunteers and reserves. No further details were provided.*

**Clarification:**

**Details regarding the use of Volunteers, Reserves or other low cost labor were itemized in a chart on page 11 of the Grant. See below chart:**

Type of Volunteer	Hours Donated	Equivalent Rate	Equivalent Value
Law Enforcement	3798	\$ 49.25 / Hr.	\$ 187,052
Medical (EMT or above)	624	\$ 9.75 / Hr.	\$ 6,084
Communications	1512	\$ 20.58 / Hr.	\$ 31,117
		<b>MATCH</b>	<b>\$ 224,253</b>

**The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team comprises of approximately 15 Sworn Law Enforcement Reserve Volunteers, 10 Medical Volunteers and 20 Communication Volunteers.**

**The use of these volunteers was detailed on Page 18 of the Grant Application which states:**

**"4. Activities Performed By Volunteers?"**

San Diego Sheriff Reserves and Citizen Volunteers perform all manner of law enforcement, medical assistance/search and rescue and public off-road education.

Law Enforcement Reserves are sworn and have full peace officer powers making arrests, writing citations, answering calls for service and taking reports.

Search and Rescue Reserves and citizen volunteers provide medical assistance to the off-riding community by fielding medically trained EMT or higher trained personnel equipped with specialized trauma equipment. SAR volunteers are also utilized on searches for off-road riders who become lost.

Both law enforcement and SAR Reserves and citizen volunteers work off-road public education events at schools, DARE events and other public displays.

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San Diego Sheriff R.A.C.E.S. communication volunteers provide command post communications at major events. They coordinate and dispatch radio calls to multiple agencies and maintain incident logs utilizing the Regional Incident Command system.”

d. Reducing future costs

*The applicant did not address this item.*

**New Information:**

**In October of 2003 the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Off-Road Enforcement Team was required to leave the OWSVRA on Halloween weekend due to the catastrophic Cedar Fire in San Diego County. Within hours of ORET leaving the park a major civil disturbance occurred at Blow Sand requiring a multi-agency response. An unlawful assembly was declared and took hours of multiple agencies to regain control of the park and crowd. To date no major civil disobediences events have occurred during ORET presences. Failure to fully fund this grant will clearly result in higher future cost.**

e. Appropriate use of equipment

*The applicant uses “bikes” and ATVs.*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Off-Road Enforcement Team uses up to 7 4X4 SUV Patrol Units, and a 500 gallon Water truck for landing zone wet downs. A recently purchased Yamaha Rhino utility vehicle from The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department funds and an OHV funded High Mobility Victim Rescue Vehicle are used part of the patrol/medical operations in OWSVRA.**

**The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Off-Road Enforcement Team provides over 50 handheld radios to 10 law enforcement and medical agencies in combination with a Mobile Communications Command Vehicle to coordinate a cooperative Multi-Agency Task force.**

**Request for adjustment to grant/cooperative agreement application score.**

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**4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:**

**[9 out of 15]**

a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)

*The application refers to previous OHMVR grants stating that they were completed in the time frame provided. [3]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states "San Diego County Sheriff's Department tracks all dollars received and spent from OHV grants and in-lieu funds welcomes an audit at any time." No detail is provided. [2]*

**New Information:**

**The San Diego County Sheriff's has a budget analysts and a grant administrator dedicated to the OHV grant process.**

**In the past five years ORET has participated in two grant review where the State Parks Administrators inspected the operations and equipment related to OHV activities. No major deficiencies were noted.**

c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)

*The application refers to the applicant's prior ten years of OHV LE to show their commitment to the program. The Project Costs/Deliverables includes \$313,612 in personnel including \$224,253 in matching funds. [4]*

**New Information:**

**In 2005 the San Diego County Sheriff's Department funded a full time Law Enforcement Sergeant to act as the Reserve Coordinator and ORET Supervisor. 40% of the Sergeant's time is spent on ORET and OHV related issues. The cost of the position paid directly out of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department operating budget and average annual cost of \$150,000.00.**

## BLM – Arcata Field Office

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Attached is a PDF file containing clarification/rationale for an adjusted score pertaining to OR-1-NO-66 (BLM Arcata Field Office Enforcement - 07). Please provide this information to the OHV Commission for their consideration at the December 8-9, 2006 meeting in Sacramento. Thank you.

(See attached file: OR-1-NO-66 BLM Arcata Field Office Enforcement.xls.pdf)

OR-1-NO-66	BLM Arcata Field Office Enforcement - 07		
DIVISION SCORE is 56 = \$15,238		BLM SUGGESTED SCORE is 74 = \$21,333	
Criteria	Division Score/Rationale	Suggested Score/Rationale	
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:		<b>Suggested Score is "30" out of 50</b>	
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.	The project would use signs, information kiosks, educational materials, barriers and law enforcement presence to prevent resource damage.	<b>Clarification:</b> A daily LE presence (3 years ago coverage was only 4 days/week) is a very successful proactive measure in deterring deviant behavior, thus reducing or eliminating resource damage. Riders fully expect to see a LE Ranger each time they visit the area, thus they behave properly. LE Rangers hand out brochures that contain information about where and where not to ride so as to protect sensitive resource values. Large maps on 3 kiosks depict locations of sensitive resources that are closed to vehicles. Numerous signs are posted along, and post/cable barriers completely surround sensitive habitat areas...these proactive measures have eliminated nearly all resource damage in this riding area. (see page 16)	
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property	Barriers and signs are used to protect closed areas.	<b>Clarification:</b> Post and cable vehicle barriers completely surround all closed areas, and an abundance of signs are posted along these barriers, making it obviously clear to riders which areas are closed to vehicles and where private property is located. The brochure and large, visible maps posted on the 3 kiosks show the closed areas. (see page 16)	
c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests	The project would use signs, brochures and education to reduce conflicts.	<b>Clarification:</b> The brochure and large maps depicted on 3 kiosks describe the numerous other recreation activities that occur, and specific locations where they occur. This information is valuable to riders because they know where to expect other recreation users. Numerous signs (speed limit, caution, slow) are posted in locations where riders are likely to encounter other recreation users, and riders do indeed slow down and are more cautious in these locations. (see page 16)	
2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:		<b>Suggested Score is "20" out of 35</b>	
a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes.	The project would include enforcement of all OHV related laws. Specific violations are listed in the application.	<b>Clarification:</b> The project would provide daily patrols (all 7 days per week) with enforcement of all OHV related and CVC codes. According to the PAR, LE Rangers issued 216 citations out of a total of 2,454 contacts...30 of the citations were drug or alcohol related. Additional violations are listed in the application. (see pages 16,17,55)	

OR-1-NO-66	BLM Arcata Field Office Enforcement - 07
b. Emergency response	<p><i>The application reports only four OHV accidents and states that no emergency responses were required.</i></p> <p><b>Clarification:</b> Because the area is properly signed, and riders are provided abundant information (signs, maps, brochures, one-on-one contact) about safety precautions and rules/regulations pertaining to rider safety, only four OHV accidents were either observed or reported to BLM...none requiring emergency response. (see pages 16,17)</p>
c. Search and rescue	<p><i>The application states that there are no SAR incidents.</i></p> <p><b>Clarification:</b> Because of the area's small size, abundant signing, and the fact that riders are provided abundant information (signs, maps, brochures, one-on-one contact) about safety precautions, there were no SAR incidents. (see pages 16,17)</p>
d. Education/outreach	<p><i>The applicant uses field contacts, information kiosks, handouts, and maps. Enthusiasts are contacted in the staging area to educate them and prevent violations.</i></p> <p><b>Clarification:</b> The applicant uses field contacts covering 7 days/week, 3 information kiosks, handouts, and maps. Enthusiasts are contacted in the staging area to educate them and prevent violations. <b>New Information:</b> Members of 3 OHV clubs serve as BLM volunteers to educate other riders about the area. (see page 17)</p>
e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	<p><i>The project would use patrol, signing and barriers to prevent violations as described above.</i></p>
<b>3.</b> The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:	<b>Suggested Score is "12" out of 20</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	<p><i>The applicant works with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and three local OHV clubs.</i></p>
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds).	<p><i>The project would include \$21,375 in agency contributions.</i></p>
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor.	<p><i>The applicant uses OHV clubs as volunteers, a volunteer caretaker, and a Sheriff's Department Volunteer patrol.</i></p>

OR-1-NO-66	BLM Arcata Field Office Enforcement - 07	
d. Reducing future costs		
e. Appropriate use of equipment	The project would include the use of ATV's.	The project would include the use of ATV's.
<b>4.</b> The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the applicant must address:	<b>9 out of 15</b>	<b>Suggested Score is "12" out of 15</b>
a. Ability to complete project within the timeframe provided ( <b>5</b> )	<p>The application states that applicant has completed prior projects within established time frames since the mid 1980's. No details are provided. (score of 2)</p>	<p><b>Clarification:</b> The application states that applicant has completed prior projects each and every year within established time frames since the mid 1980's. Examples of the last several year's projects are listed. <b>New Information:</b> The last expenditure for the 2003 grant (OR-1-NO-27) was made on 1/28/04 with the performance period ending on 1/30/04; the last expenditure for the 2004 grant (OR-1-NO-36) was made on 5/5/05 with a performance period ending on 12/30/05; the last expenditure for the 2005 grant (R-1-N-48) was made on 10/30/05 with a performance period ending on 5/30/2006. (see pages 17,18) (<b>suggested score of 4</b>)</p>
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects ( <b>5</b> )	<p>The application states that applicant " ...demonstrated that funds have been accounted for in a fiscally responsible manner." No details are provided. (score of 2)</p>	<p>The application states that applicant " ...demonstrated that funds have been accounted for in a fiscally responsible manner." <b>New Information:</b> Each project file is well organized and includes 6 separate sections: 1) Project Agreement, 2) Expenditure Listing &amp; Balance Voucher Copies, 3) Requisitions, Purchase Orders, Coop. Agreements, Task Orders, 4) Purchase Card Expenditures, 5) Travel, and 6) Timesheets (<b>suggested score of 3</b>)</p>
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program ( <b>5</b> )	<p>The application states that project administrator has been managing OHV grants since the area was first developed. Projects accomplished are listed. Project would include \$50,400 in personnel time, with \$21000 from agency contribution. (score of 5)</p>	<p>The application states that project administrator has been managing OHV grants since the area was first developed. Projects accomplished are listed. Project would include \$50,400 in personnel time, with \$21000 from agency contribution. (score of 5 ok)</p>

## Yucca Valley Police Department

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Here they are,

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Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:	<b>[20 out of 40]</b>	<b>Town Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [37 out of 40]</b>
a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment	The applicant states that unincorporated areas of the basin will provide matching in-kind monies by way of fuel and maintenance costs of the vehicles	The applicant states that unincorporated areas of the basin will provide matching in-kind monies by way of fuel and maintenance costs of the vehicles
b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds	The applicant's OHV enforcement team consists of one sergeant, two corporals, and six deputies.	The applicant's OHV enforcement team consists of one sergeant, two corporals, and six deputies. <b>The applicant currently employs 50 sworn patrol deputies who can all be utilized for OHV enforcement and educational purposes. The department incurs the cost associated in training these personnel. Actual field enforcement relies on state OHV funds outside the normal workweek to utilize these personnel.</b>
2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas:	<b>[11 out of 20]</b>	<b>Town Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [18 out of 20]</b>
a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas	The applicant did not address this item.	By consistent enforcement of OHV laws, the OHV users are directed to using designated trails and roadways thereby reducing the damage and deterioration or roadways, trails, and other environmentally sensitive areas.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	Partnerships include those with The City of Twenty Nine Palms and the unincorporated areas of Morongo Basin, the OHV community and business owners.	Partnerships include those with The City of Twenty Nine Palms and the unincorporated areas of Morongo Basin, the OHV community and business owners.
c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant mentioned use of in-kind monies for fuel and maintenance.	The applicant would respond to emergencies and assist other agencies such as BLM, CHP, Code Enforcement, and the National Park Service. The funding from this grant provides additional resources to respond to remote areas of the Morongo Basin where OHV activities occur. These law enforcement personnel are trained in all aspects of emergency response. The Town of Yucca Valley and the City of Twentynine Palms occasionally have state SLESF Grant funds available to assist with illegal OHV enforcement activity.
d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative	The applicant did not address this item.	Dual-sport motorcycles are the most efficient method of patrolling remote OHV use areas, while allowing travel over paved roadways to get from one area to another.
e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	Volunteers include the Town of Yucca Valley Citizens on Patrol, who have donated 9,000 hours, and the Morongo Valley Community OHV Watch.	Volunteers include the Town of Yucca Valley Citizens on Patrol, who have donated 9,000 hours, and the Morongo Basin Community OHV Watch. The Morongo Basin Station currently has eight volunteer groups consisting of in excess of 200 volunteers, including Search and Rescue, Mounted Search and Rescue, and six Citizen's on Patrol units. These volunteers have donated more than 9,000 hours of volunteer time.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:	[18 out of 30]	Town Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [30 out of 30]
a. The amount of existing recreational use	The area is 188,374 acres and saw approximately 100,000 visitors during the year.	The Johnson Valley OHV area is located within the applicants jurisdiction and is the states largest OHV recreation area. There are a growing number of events being held there.
b. The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity	There was an increased number of riders/drivers in the area due to loss of riding opportunities and limited availability of OHV riding areas in adjacent counties.	There was an increased number of riders/drivers in the area due to loss of riding opportunities and limited availability of OHV riding areas in adjacent counties, and the current popularity of the sport. Additionally, numerous organized OHV recreational groups are submitting requests for land use permits.
c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas	This plan also serves as a deterrent to the destruction of the fragile desert environment by directing OHV enthusiasts to legal riding areas and halting the development of new, unauthorized trails.	This plan also serves as a deterrent to the destruction of the fragile desert environment by directing OHV enthusiasts to legal riding areas and halting the development of new, unauthorized trails.
d. Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions	The applicant did not address this item.	OHV enthusiasts are drawn to the Morongo Basin for its mountains, desert, lakebeds, ecological systems, lava flows, marshlands, varying elevation levels, and other natural resources. Weather conditions in the Morongo Basin provide year-round recreational activities for OHV use.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested.	[4 out of 10]	Town Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [7 out of 10]
	Staffing includes 1 sergeant, 2 corporals and 6 deputies. No mention is made of experience or maintenance.	All assigned staff are highly trained law enforcement officers who receive continual education relating to OHV law enforcement. Local, state, and federal ordinances and CVC and Penal Codes are all part of their training.
	Assigned Score [53 out of 100]	YVPD Recommended Score 92/100

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain longterm OHV recreation by:	[10 out of 35]	<b>Town of Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [33 out of 35]</b>
a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.	The applicant uses education, patrol, and law enforcement action to protect resources.	The applicant uses education, patrol, and law enforcement action to protect resources. <b>The applicant will focus on voluntary compliance via Public Service Announcements, OHV information pamphlets, schools, signing, and public contact followed by selective enforcement based upon calls for service.</b>
b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property	The applicant will use education to direct enthusiasts to legal riding areas. The applicant would protect private property and Joshua Tree National Park.	The applicant will use education and <b>high visibility patrol</b> to direct enthusiasts to legal riding areas. The applicant would <b>use signs</b> to protect private property, and <b>signing and barriers</b> to protect the Joshua Tree National Park, Nature Conservancy Lands, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Cleghorn Wilderness Area, Sheep Hole Wilderness Area, and other federal, state, and county lands.
c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests	The applicant did not address this item.	Through vigorous enforcement and education programs, the applicant will direct OHV users to proper riding areas to avoid conflicts between equestrians, hikers, campers, and OHV users. The applicant has participated in several forums involving OHV user groups, environmental groups, and concerned citizens throughout the Morongo Basin to mitigate conflicts.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b>	<b>[14 out of 30]</b>	<b>Town of Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [27 out of 30]</b>
a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes	The applicant would enforce the CVC and other OHV related codes.	The applicant would enforce the CVC and other OHV related codes. The county of San Bernardino has recently passed an OHV use Ordinance. This ordinance is being enforced by the applicant, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and County Code Enforcement Officers.
b. Emergency response	The application mentions 1,222 calls for service last year, but it does not specify if they were emergencies.	The applicant would respond to emergencies and assist other agencies such as BLM, CHP, Code Enforcement, and the National Park Service. The funding from this grant provides additional resources to respond to remote areas of the Morongo Basin where OHV activities occur. These law enforcement personnel are trained in all aspects of emergency response.
c. Search and rescue	The application mentions several SAR incidents. The project would allow SAR responses in the OHV area.	The application mentions several SAR incidents. The project would allow SAR responses in the OHV area.
d. Education/outreach	The applicant works with local enthusiasts and businesses to educate about safe riding in legal areas. The applicant has developed brochure for education.	The applicant works with local enthusiasts and businesses to educate OHV users about safe riding in legal areas. The applicant has developed an off highway vehicle educational brochure that has been distributed throughout the Morongo Basin. PSA's are created and distributed to local media outlets on an ongoing basis. OHV team members attend public events and provide education and outreach.
e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)	The applicant states that the project would use patrol.	The applicant states that the project would use patrol, signs, and barriers. The applicant also proposes to utilize mobile message boards, carsonite signs, and the media to be proactive in its measures to combat illegal off-highway vehicle use.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</b>	<b>[7 out of 20]</b>	<b>Town of Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [18 out of 20]</b>
a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds	The applicant works with local businesses.	The applicant works with local businesses, CHP, Code Enforcement, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and the Twentynine Palms Police Department. The applicant also uses Citizen's On Patrol to assist patrol units.
b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)	The applicant did not address this item.	Two of the applicants dual-sport OHV patrol motorcycles were purchased with other funds, and the County of San Bernardino pays for the fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs of these vehicles. Funds have been provided in the past and will be again in the future from the Town of Yucca Valley and the City of Twentynine Palms for proactive patrol in addressing illegal OHV activity.
c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor	The project would use volunteer citizen patrol. The application mentions that volunteers provided more than 9000 hours of time. As part of their duties, the volunteers report OHV issues encountered.	The project would use volunteer citizen patrol. The application mentions that volunteers provided more than 9000 hours of time. As part of their duties, the volunteers report OHV issues encountered.
d. Reducing future costs	The applicant did not address this item.	The applicant has purchased a third dual-sport motorcycle and has added a 4x4 vehicle to the patrol fleet, which will reduce the amount of wear on the current patrol motorcycles and extend their operational lifespan. Proactively addressing illegal OHV activity will reduce future calls for service.
e. Appropriate use of equipment	The applicant did not address this item.	The applicant uses dual-sport motorcycles and 4x4 patrol vehicles to access OHV enforcement areas. Sound meters, Portable Alcohol Screening meters, and mobile sign boards.

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</b>	<b>[2 out of 15]</b>	<b>Town of Yucca Valley Police proposed score revision [15 out of 15]</b>
a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)	The applicant did not address this item.	The applicant has recently expanded the OHV team to provided additional coverage during times of peak enforcement need. The applicant successfully participated in two previous OHV grant programs in the past two years. The applicant manages in excess of eight grants a year and has a proven track record. We currently have the equipment and trained staff to implement and execute the goals of the OHV grant within the required timeframe.
b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)	The application mentions two previous projects but no details are provided. [1]	The application mentions two previous projects but no details are provided. [1] The applicant was previously awarded grant OR-711, and is currently operating under OR-753 through 07/23/07.
c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)	The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$88,322 in personnel time with \$22,081 in matching funds. [1]	The Project Costs/Deliverables page shows \$88,322 in personnel time with \$22,081 in matching funds. [1] Illegal OHV activity is the number one issue, from a community based policing perspective, currently facing the citizens of the
	<b>Assigned Score 33/100</b>	<b>YVPD Recommended Score 93/100</b>

## Angeles National Forest

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(See attached file: grant OR-2-A-69.pdf)

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# Response to Criteria Scoring

Angeles National Forest

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The response to the scoring includes both new information and clarification of previously submitted information supplied in the application.

**Law Enforcement:** Total score 53 pts. **New score 89 pts.**

## **Criteria #1**

The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by: **[21 out of 35]** **New score 31 pts.**

### *b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property*

The proximity of OHV activities to the wilderness on the forest does not present intrusion into the wilderness. The forest emphasis is on closed areas: (T&E and Arch. Sites. Pg.61 parag. #1). Private property-The forest has a coordinated effort with L.A. Co. Sheriff to patrol the borders of the forest to prevent unauthorized access into or out of the forest. (Pg. 62 parag. #1)

### *c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests*

Monthly meetings with California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) - CTUC is a group of users made up of OHV's, equestrian, Mt. bikers and hikers. They assist the forest in reducing conflicts with education and outreach. (pg. 62 parag. #3)

## **Criteria #2**

The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues: **[18 out of 30]** **New score 28 pts.**

### *a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes*

Primary law enforcement is done by Forest Protection Officers(FPO's) , Code of Federal Regulations(CFR's) allow FPO's to enforce State OHV Regs. LEO's are use to Supplement FPO's (pg.61 parag. #1)

### *b. Emergency Response*

The forest FPO's provide medical aide, basic first aide, CPR. Most OHV accidents only require first aide and is the primary emergency response. (pg. 61 parag. #3)

### *d. Education/outreach*

Tread Lightly program (\$3,000 yearly for educational materials (etiquette and resource protection) given to public at one on one field contacts. At the International Motorcycle Show over 5,000 contacts (pg.60 parag. #1). Provides trail maps (pg. 61 parag. #2) Community events in Lake Hughes, Green Valley and Acton. Coop event w/ Sheriff @ Santa Clarita Mall. The forest has agreements with ATV Safety Institute in which the forest provide areas for the ATV certification courses at Rowher Flat and San Gabriel Cyn. OHV areas. (pg. 61 parag. #2)

### ***Criteria #3***

The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.

Project must include one or more of the following: **[10 out of 20] New score 15 pts.**

a. *Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds*

Agreements with California Department of Corrections provide inmates for projects at no cost. (pg.62 parag. #2, 4) Partnership with CTUC to obtain non OHV grant funds (pg.61 parag. #3) Cost of Indian Cyn.-CTUC(RTP) \$61,400, FS- \$10,150, L.A. Co.Parks-\$91,000, PCTA- \$132,000. CTUC(RTP grant) Provided OHV trail maps at no cost.

c. *Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor*

L. A. Co. Sheriff assists the forest with Law Enforcement activities on borders of the forest at no cost to grant funds. (pg. 62 parag. #1)

d. *Appropriate use of equipment*

Sound meters (pg.62 parag. #2), Sweco tractor & trailer, used for trail maintenance, were co-purchased with grant and FS funds. All other equipment is owned and maintained by the agency (ATV, MC).

### **Criteria # 4**

The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's: **[4 out of 15] New score 15 pts.**

a. *Ability to complete project within timeframe provided*

b. *History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects*

The forest has had over 35 cooperative agreements with the state including Law Enforcement, Conservation, Operation and Maintenance, Rehabilitation, Resource Protection, Restoration, and Trail Maintenance. Most recently the Law Enforcement and Trail Maintenance projects have been completed within the provided timeframes and expenditures only within the performance period. A restoration project was completed in 2005 which protected an archeological site near Rowher Flat OHV area (pg. 61 parag. #1, pg. 62 parag. #3)

b. *Commitment of staff to OHV program*

Total agency funds \$47,900 (PCD's). Due to the consistency of funding from cooperative agreements the forest has maintained permanent full time employees assigned to the OHV program for the last 20 years. (pg. 61 parag. #1)

## Response to Criteria Scoring

### Angeles National Forest

### OR-2-A-70

This response to the scoring includes both new information and clarification of previously submitted information supplied in the application.

**Trail Maintenance:** Total score 56 pts. **New score 88 pts.**

#### ***Criteria #1***

The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will: **[25 out of 40] New score 33 pts.**

a. *Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)*

Removing excessive vegetation will also reduce trail widening and breeching. (pg.8 parag. #2) **[8]**

b. *Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)*

The installation of hardening (dog bones) on drainage dips has proven to reduce maintenance and reduce future cost. The use of heavy equipment has almost been eliminated. Some of the hardening has been in place for four years without having to rebuild the dip. This dips are essential to reduce soil lose. (pg.9 parag. #2) **[10]**

c. *Maintain safe riding conditions (10)*

Without proper signing user can get lost and not stay designated routes, causing additional resource damage. (pg.8 parag. #2) **[7]**

d. *Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)*

Signs indicate size or type of vehicle, vehicle use, trail directions and difficulty. All signs are maintained in a clear and legible fashion. (pg.8 parag. #2) **[8]**

**Criteria #2**

The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**[22 out of 30] New score 25 pts.**

- a. *Use of innovative or efficient materials*
- e. *Avoiding or reducing future costs*

The installation of hardening (dog bones) on drainage dips has proven to reduce maintenance and reduce future cost. The use of heavy equipment has almost been eliminated. Some of the hardening has been in place for four years without having to rebuild the dip. This dips are essential to reduce soil lose. (pg.9 parag. #2)

**Criteria #3**

The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[9 out of 30] New score 30 pts.**

- a. *Ability to complete project within timeframe provided(10)*
- b. *History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects(10)*

The forest has had over 35 cooperative agreements with the state including Law Enforcement, Conservation, Operation and Maintenance, Rehabilitation, Resource Protection, Restoration, and Trail Maintenance. Most recently the Law Enforcement and Trail Maintenance projects have been completed within the provided timeframes and expenditures only within the performance period. A restoration project was completed in 2005 which protected an archeological site near Rowher Flat OHV area (pg. 61 parag. #1, pg. 62 parag. #3) **[20]**

- c. *Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)*

For the past 10 years the forest has received state grants for trail maintenance. Regular and consistent trail maintenance efforts has proven to minimizes need for closures and additional conservation measures. (pg.8 parag. 4) **[10]**

**Response to Criteria Scoring**  
Angeles National Forest  
OR-2-A-67

This response to the scoring includes both new information and clarification of previously submitted information supplied in the application.

**Restoration:** Total score 52 pts. **New score 100 pts.**

***Criteria # 1***

The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[26 out of 40] New score 40 pts.**

a. thru c. all items were addressed (only one required)

d. *Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area*

The proximity of OHV activities to the wilderness on the forest does not present intrusion into the wilderness. The forest emphasis is on closed areas: (T&E and Arch. Sites. Pg.61 parag. #1).

***Criteria #2***

The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**[9 out of 15] New score 15 pts.**

All four items (a. - e.) were address in this criteria. (only one required)

***Criteria #3***

Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:

**[10 out of 20] New score 20 pts.**

a. *Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:*

i. *Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted*

ii. *Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue*

iii. *Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area.*

All of the restoration projects are for large off route impacts or unauthorized use areas. Not OHV routes. The only measures taken to detour use was signing until the full restoration project could be implemented. Three of the sites within this project were previously submitted in 2004 and did not receive funding.

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b. *Repair of illegal OHV activity:*

- i. *Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity*

Monitoring of the restoration sites will identify any breaches or illegal activities at the site. (pg. 81 parag. #9)

c. *Closure due to management action:*

- i. *Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary.*

When closures are necessary the forest would utilize barriers such as fencing, pipe and cable, boulders, natural vegetation and topography, to prevent illegal access followed by regular monitoring of the site.

***Criteria #4***

Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.

**[2 out of 10] New score 10 pts.**

The sites will be monitored weekly and less frequent as the sites become fully restored. If illegal activity is identified (missing signs, destroyed barriers) action to remedy the problems will be taken as soon as possible.

## Response to Criteria Scoring

Angeles National Forest

OR-2-A-68

This response to the scoring includes both new information and clarification of previously submitted information supplied in the application.

**Conservation:** Total score 77 pts. **New score 89 pts.**

### **Criteria #1**

The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will: **[38 out of 50]** **New score 43 pts**

*b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)*

In Table 3 of the 2005-2006 WHPP, the management objective for the Santa Ana Sucker is to "maintain trails to encourage use on existing trails/crossings. Prevent loss of habitat and damage to individuals." The management action associated to meet the objective is to "monitor water crossings for sedimentation effects. Continue to design crossings that will minimize impacts to species." These objectives and actions should also be applied to the 2006-2007 WHPP.

### **Criteria #2**

The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following: **[31 out of 35]**

All items(a.- e.) were address- No change in scoring

### **Criteria #3**

The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address: **[8 out of 15]** **New score 15 pts.**

*a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided(5)*

*b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects(5)*

The forest has had over 35 cooperative agreements with the state including Law Enforcement, Conservation, Operation and Maintenance, Rehabilitation, Resource Protection, Restoration, and Trail Maintenance. Most recently the Law Enforcement and Trail Maintenance projects have been completed within the provided timeframes and expenditures only within the performance period. A restoration project was completed in 2005 which protected an archeological site near Rowher Flat OHV area (pg. 61 parag. #1, pg. 62 parag. #3) **[10]**

*c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)*

Due to the consistency of funding from cooperative agreements, the forest has maintained permanent full time employees assigned to the OHV program for the last 20 years. (pg. 61 parag. #1) **[5]**

## Los Angeles County Sheriff – Palmdale Station

From: Trotter, Deryl B. [<mailto:DBTrotte@lasd.org>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 9:20 AM  
To: OHVINFO  
Subject: PDF file Requesting increased Application Scores

Please see the attached PDF file detailing our request to increase application scores of Project #OR-819 Palmdale Station and Project #OR-786 Santa Clarita Valley Station. Please feel free to contact me at (323) 526-5153 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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TO: OHMVR  
FROM: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
SUBJECT: Request to reevaluate and increase OHV application scores  
DATE: 11/15/06

Please see the attached justifications for increasing our application scores. These Justifications are clarifications of information already included in our original application. I have cited page # and paragraph # of where the information is located.

Our Department submitted one joint application with two separate projects:

Project # **OR-819 Palmdale Station** is covered on Pages # 1-5

Project # **OR-786 Santa Clarita Valley Station** is covered on Pages # 6-12

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Deryl Trotter at (323) 526-5153 or dbtrotte@lasd.org.

Criteria	Possible Points	Division Score	Factual Findings/Justification for Revised Score	Revised Score
<p><b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</li> <li>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property</li> <li>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests</li> </ul>	35	17	<p>#OR-819 Palmdale Station</p> <p><b>Category 1</b> we received 17 out of a possible 35 points. <b>We believe our score should be increased to 30 out of 35.</b></p> <p>Although the committee did give us credit for sections A, B, and C, we believe we provided enough information to justify a higher overall score. Below we have included what we want the Committee to pay attention to when considering increasing our score. <b>The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term recreation by:</b></p> <p><b>Section A. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and /or education efforts.</b> We believe a high score in this section is appropriate because our application clearly detailed that we would provide “proactive patrol services to those areas most affected by illegal activity” (Page 38 paragraph 2), and how our goal is to provide a “balance of enforcement and education to slow the amount of transient traffic in the Palmdale area” (Page 38 paragraph 3). We detailed the staffing of our OHV team, the equipment we will utilize, the areas we will patrol and the frequency of patrols we will conduct (Page 38 paragraph 3). We stated that our program was designed to impact illegal OHV usage and reduce “damage to natural vegetation” and “soil erosion” by “contacting individuals who believe they are riding in open, public territory” (Page 39 paragraph 2). And we stated that our program has shown some positive accomplishments, such as</p>	30

		<p>reduction in illegal OHV traffic and natural vegetation has begun to replenish itself (Page 39 paragraph 2). We stated several times that our project would reduce resource damage in our CEQA OHV Form J (Pages 48 &amp; 49).</p> <p><b>Section B. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.</b> Our project area does not have wilderness areas, so we did not address the wilderness areas in our proposal. But we did address the issue of reducing intrusion into closed areas and private property. We stated that "our program was designed to impact illegal OHV usage by contacting individuals, who believe they are riding in open public territory" and how we have already "reduced the number of intrusions into our conservancy areas" (Page 39 paragraph 2). We documented in our CEQA OHV form J how our "OHV enforcement team would reduce OHV intrusion into sensitive habitat areas and residential areas" (Page 49 paragraph 3).</p> <p><b>Section C. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.</b> Although the Committee stated that we did not address this issue, we did address the conflicts between OHV users, cyclist, hikers, and equestrians. We stated that eliminating the illegal OHV activity would reduce the negative interaction between these various recreation interests (Page 40 paragraph 2).</p> <p>Summary: we believe our proposal did address the above scoring criteria in a sufficient manner and a score of 17 out of 35 is extremely low. This score is essentially a failing score. We strongly disagree with it.</p>	Page 41 of 412
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<p><b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes</li> <li>b. Emergency response</li> <li>c. Search and rescue</li> <li>d. Education/outreach</li> <li>e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)</li> </ul>	30	15	<p><b>Category 2</b> We received 15 out of a possible 30 points. <b>We believe our score should be increased to at least 25 out of 30 points.</b> Although the committee did give us credit for sections A,C, D, and E, we believe we provided enough information to justify a higher overall score than the Committee issued us. We stated how our team, who are well-versed in OHV State laws and codes, would maintain a highly visible presence, and respond to calls for service. We also stated how our team has experience in search and rescue missions and how they are prepared to respond to any situation (Page 39 paragraphs 3 &amp; 4). Below we have focused on sections B &amp; D.</p> <p><b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b></p> <p><b>Section B. Emergency Response.</b> Although the Committee stated that we did not address this issue, we stated that “our program has shown to be beneficial in instances such as searches for critical missing persons, fugitives eluding capture, and search and rescue operations (Page 39 paragraph 4). We added that our team is trained, experienced, and prepared for any incident which may arise. We are prepared for emergencies.</p> <p><b>Section D. Education/Outreach.</b> We stated how we use our team at special events throughout our station area as an educational tool to spread awareness related to illegal OHV activity in our open areas.</p> <p><i>(PAGE 39 PARAGRAPH 4)</i></p>	25
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<p>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</li> <li>b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</li> <li>c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor</li> <li>d. Reducing future costs</li> <li>e. Appropriate use of equipment</li> </ul>	20	12	<p><b>Category 3</b> We received 12 out of a possible 20 points. We believe our score should be increased to at least 15 out of 20 points.</p> <p><b>Section C. Use of volunteers, reserves, or other low cost labor.</b> We want to make sure that the Committee did not fail to give us adequate points for our volunteer efforts. We stated that our volunteers play a crucial role for our department, by providing patrol services and providing maps to OHV users, instructing them to designated areas for OHV recreation. We also documented how we estimated the value in comparable salary for volunteer hours contributed to the project. (Page 54 Project Activity Report).</p>	15
<p>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using <u>examples</u> of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)</li> <li>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)</li> <li>c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)</li> </ul>	15	5	<p><b>Category 4</b> We received 5 out of a possible 15 points. <b>We believe our score should be increased to at least 10 out of 15 points.</b> We are disputing the committee not giving us any credit for Sections A &amp; B.</p> <p><b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</b></p> <p><b>Section A. Ability to complete project within the timeframe provided.</b> Although we did not do a very good job of responding to this criteria, we did mention how we were able to utilize funds, from the City of Palmdale and the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, by June 30, 2006. This speaks to our ability to utilize funding or complete projects in a timely manner (Page 56 paragraphs 1 &amp;</p>	10

			<p>2). We not only stated that we expended funds but we also included how successful we were with these funds by stating how we have virtually eliminated the number of calls for service for illegal OHV activity. (Page 56 paragraph 2).</p> <p><b>Section B. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects.</b> The Committee stated that we did not address this item. However, we documented how our department administered funds to enforce OHV activity from multiple sources (Page 56 paragraphs 1 &amp; 2) requiring us to be fiscally responsible for expending funds by certain deadlines according to the County fiscal year-end. We detailed how we were successful in utilizing a total of \$55,000 from the City of Palmdale and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation by the June 30, 2006 deadline. These are examples of our fiscal responsibility and accountability.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> We also ask the Commission to consider that we have a good track record in implementing OHV projects. This would be our fourth OHV project, we are increasing our territory patrolled from about 700 square miles to about 1,300 square miles (because we have now added Lancaster to our patrolling area), we are providing a lot of matching funds - \$57,290, and our requested funding is conservative - \$ 120,175. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	
TOTAL	100	42		80
	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	
<b>Division Determination:</b>	\$120,175	40%	\$48,070	
<b>Applicant Determination:</b>	\$120,175			

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT – OR-786 – Los Angeles County Sheriff (Palmdale)

Criteria	Possible Points	Division Score	Factual Findings/Justification for Revised Score	Revised Score
<p>1. <b>The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</li> <li>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property</li> <li>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests</li> </ul>	35	14	<p><b>#OR-786 Santa Clarita Valley Station</b></p> <p><b>Category 1</b> we received 14 out of a possible 35 points. <b>We believe our score should be increased to 30 out of 35.</b></p> <p>Although the committee did give us credit for sections A, B, and C, we believe we provided enough information to justify a higher overall score. Below we have included what we want the Committee to pay particular attention to when considering increasing our score.</p> <p><b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term recreation by:</b></p> <p><b>Section A. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</b> Although the Committee did give us credit for this section, we believe a high score in this section is appropriate because our application clearly detailed that we would reduce resource damage by education (Page 10 paragraph 3, Page 13 paragraph 2), responding to complaints, while also proactively getting out in the Santa Clarita, Crescenta Valley, and Angeles National Forest areas, patrolling to prevent illegal OHV activity from creating resource damage (Page 10 paragraph 1, Page 11 paragraphs 2 &amp; 3, Page 12 paragraph 2). We detailed the staffing of our OHV team, the equipment we will utilize, the areas we will patrol and the frequency of patrols we will conduct (Page 10 paragraph 1, Page 11 paragraphs 2 &amp; 3, Page 12 paragraph 3). We also included information about how</p>	30

		<p>our project will reduce resource damage in our CEQA OHV Form J (Pages 15, 16, &amp; 17).</p> <p><b>Section B. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.</b> Our project area has one wilderness in the Crescenta Valley area but normal patrols by our LASD Crescenta Valley Sheriff's staff has not identified any illegal OHV activity in those areas, so our project's focus is on the areas where illegal OHV activity has been identified. Therefore, we did not address the wilderness areas in our proposal. But we did give details about our focus upon closed areas and private property. We stated how we would conduct operations in the Angeles National Forest and in surrounding closed private and public lands, informing the public and issuing citations to those who intentionally conduct illegal OHV activity (Page 10 paragraph 3). We stated that we would enforce all illegal OHV activity including trespass activity and violations of closed areas (Page 12 paragraph 2). We also stated that we would continue to encourage private land owners to display "No Trespassing" signs on their property boundaries (Page 13 paragraph 1).</p> <p><b>Section C. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.</b> In our application, we stated that one of our primary goals is to reduce conflict by educating OHV enthusiasts and the general public regarding safe and "courteous riding practices" (Page 10 paragraph 3). We stated how we would use a variety of communication such as pamphlets, websites, media outlets to inform the public of areas open for OHV users. (Page</p>	<p>of 412</p>
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			<p>13 paragraph 2). These efforts will serve to educate the public and reduce conflict between various recreation interests such as OHV users, bikers, hikers, and equestrians.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> We believe our proposal did address the above scoring criteria in a sufficient manner and a score of 14 out of 35 is extremely low. This score is essentially a failing score. We strongly disagree with it.</p>	Page 16 of 412
<p><b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes</li> <li>b. Emergency response</li> <li>c. Search and rescue</li> <li>d. Education/outreach</li> <li>e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)</li> </ul>	30	15	<p><b>Category 2</b> We received 15 out of a possible 30 points. <b>We believe our score should be increased to 25 out of 30 points.</b> Although the committee did give us credit for sections A, B, C, D, and E, we believe we provided enough information to justify a higher overall score. Below we have included only the sections we want you to pay attention to when considering increasing our score.</p> <p><b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b></p> <p><b>Section A. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes.</b> We believe a high score in this section is appropriate because our application clearly detailed that our OHV enforcement team would enforce various OHV-related codes and regulations (Page 10 paragraph 4). We addressed how our efforts against illegal OHV activity will help protect the public from disastrous incidents (Page 12 paragraph 1) including but not limited to enforcing regulations related to spark arresters (Page 12 paragraph 2).</p>	25

		<p><b>Section B. Emergency response.</b> Our application states that Los Angeles County Fire Department is the primary agency for Emergency Medical Service response. However, we also stated how the LASD's Santa Clarita Valley Station maintains a 13-person volunteer Search And Rescue Team that responds to search and rescue operations. We are also equipped with a large helicopter capable of carrying 21 passengers and two advanced life-support stations. We are prepared to respond to emergency situations (Page 11 paragraph 2 and Page 13 paragraph 3).</p> <p><b>Section C. Search and Rescue.</b> Our application clearly details the capability of our Search and Rescue Team, staffed with 13 volunteers and equipped with a large helicopter (Page 11 paragraph 2 and Page 13 paragraph 3).</p> <p><b>Section D. Education/Outreach.</b> Our application gives great detail about our efforts to educate the public about OHV-related public safety issues. We stated how one of our primary goals is to reduce conflict by educating OHV enthusiasts and the general public regarding safe and "courteous riding practices" (Page 10 paragraph 3). We also detailed all of the other methods we use to communicate OHV-related issues to the public such as our website, media releases etc...(Page 13 paragraph 2).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> we believe our proposal did address the above scoring criteria in a sufficient manner and a score of 15 out of 30 is extremely low. This score is essentially a failing score. We strongly disagree with it.</p>	Page 72 of 412
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<p><b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</li> <li>b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</li> <li>c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor</li> <li>d. Reducing future costs</li> <li>e. Appropriate use of equipment</li> </ul>	20	8	<p><b>Category 3 We received 8 out of a possible 20 points.</b> We believe our score should be increased to at least 15 out of 20 points. It appears the Committee gave us adequate credit for some of the criteria, however, below we have documented information addressing Sections C, and D that we feel we should earn an increase in points.</p> <p><b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</b></p> <p><b>Section C. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor.</b> The Committee stated that “no duties, hours or cost value are provided” related to our volunteer effort. We disagree. Our proposal that our project will utilize volunteers in a “non-law enforcement role” (Page 10 paragraph 1). This non-enforcement role includes their serving as part of our Search and Rescue Team (Page 13 paragraph 3) and patrolling OHV areas to supplement our regular OHV patrols. Volunteers report illegal activities to the OHV team who will warn or cite offenders accordingly. We also include information on the estimated hours the volunteers work and estimated value in comparable salary (Page 23 paragraph 1 in our PAR).</p> <p><b>Section D. Reducing future costs.</b> The Committee stated that we did not address this item. However, we did state that we had already scheduled two Deputies to be trained in the future and their addition to our regular deputies on the OHV team would provide a substantial savings in labor cost. (Page 23 paragraph 2 in our PAR).</p>	15
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<p>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using <u>examples</u> of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)</li> <li>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)</li> <li>c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)</li> </ul>	15	5	<p><b>Category 4</b> We received 5 out of a possible 15 points. We believe our score should be increased to at least 10 out of 15 points. We are disputing the committee not giving us any credit for Sections A &amp; B.</p> <p><b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</b></p> <p><b>Section A. Ability to complete the project within the timeframe provided.</b> Although we did not do a very good job of responding to this criteria, we did mention how we were able to utilize funds, from the City of Santa Clarita and the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, by June 30, 2006. This speaks to our ability to utilize funding or complete projects in a timely manner (Page 26 paragraph 1). We not only stated that we expended funds but we also included how successful we were with these funds by including statistics from our program (Page 26 paragraph 2).</p> <p><b>Section B. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects.</b> The Committee stated that we did not address this item. However, we documented how our department administered funds to enforce OHV activity from multiple sources (Page 10 paragraph 2) requiring us to expend funds by certain deadlines according to the County fiscal year-end. We detailed how we were successful in utilizing \$30,000 from the City of Santa Clarita and \$35,000 from the Los Angeles</p>	10
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			County Department of Parks and Recreation by a June 30, 2006 deadline (Page 26 paragraph 1). These are examples of our fiscal responsibility and accountability. <b>Summary:</b> We also ask the Commission to consider that the LASD has a good track record in implementing OHV projects. This would be the Santa Clarita Valley Station's fourth OHV project, we are increasing our territory patrolled from about 600 square miles to about 1,200 square miles (because we are adding Crescenta Valley to our patrolling area), we are providing a lot of matching funds - \$63,128, and our requested funding is conservative - \$ 96,617. Thank you for your consideration.	
TOTAL	100	42		80
	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	
<b>Division Determination:</b>	\$96,617	40%	\$38,647	
<b>Applicant Determination:</b>	\$96,617			

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT – OR-786 – Los Angeles County Sheriff (Santa Clarita)

## Mendocino National Forest

From: William Applegate [<mailto:wapplegate@fs.fed.us>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:55 AM  
To: OHVINFO  
Cc: Jack Horner; Michael C Burmann  
Subject: Mendocino NF Factual Findings - Revised Scores

Attention Larry Bellucci, Northern CA Grants Coordinator:

Please disregard the Mendocino NF's earlier mailing on this subject. This is the final submission of the Mendocino NF Factual Findings as requested in your memo of 11/13/2006. Attached, please find the most current Factual Findings with corresponding page numbers referencing where in the original grant application(s) you can find the narrative responses to the evaluation criteria that we believe explain and fully justify our revised scoring adjustments as summarized below:

### Final Revised Summary

FO&M	State (63)	MNF (94)
Trails Maintenance	State (66)	MNF (94)
Law Enforcement	State (94)	MNF (99)
Equipment	State (79)	MNF (86)
Restoration-Thomes	State (23)	MNF (80)
Restoration-Butter	State (52)	MNF (91)
Restoration-Sled/Middle	State (74)	MNF (91)

(See attached file: ohv-factual-findings-07 pdf.pdf)

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## FACTUAL FINDINGS – MENDOCINO NF

Facilities Operation and Maintenance (FO&M) Projects – OR-2-ME-57				
USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST				
November 3, 2006				
Criteria	Points Possible	Division Score	Revised Score	
<b>1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources:</b> a) Solving problem(s) or condition(s) b) Reducing or avoiding conflicts c) Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners d) Insuring compliance e) Eliminating illegal riding/trespass f) Preventing off-route travel g) Protecting public health and safety h) Avoiding increased maintenance	40	34	<b>39</b>	
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds:</b> a) Use of innovative or efficient materials b) The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs c) Use of partnerships d) Use of other funds e) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor	30	27	<b>30</b>	
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> a) Completion of prior projects b) History of fiscal accountability c) Qualifications and availability of staff	30	2	<b>25</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>94</b>	
63 points = 60% x \$277,720 = \$166,632				
<b>Recommended Scoring Changes</b>				
<b>94 points = 90% x \$277,720 = \$249,948</b>				
<b>1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources: State (34 out of 40) MNF (39 out of 40)</b> <b>a) Solving problem(s) or condition(s)</b> Visitor services ie. public information and education, care and policing, law enforcement, fee compliance and visitor safety. OHV opportunities sustained and incrementally expanded. Compatibility with other uses. Four to six AMA sanctioned OHV events annually while protecting natural and cultural resource values from pollution, degradation, trespass and vandalism. <b>b) Reducing or avoiding conflicts</b> Working with stakeholders ie. private landowners, environmental groups, local businesses, OHV enthusiasts, local law enforcement and adjacent Federal and State land management agencies reduces conflict. <b>c) Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners</b> Proactive to private property issues and other conflicts associated with OHV use. Stakeholders ie. local landowners, law enforcement, environmental interests and OHV users assist in problem solving. Public interest identifies conflicts and develops effective measures dealing with reported trespass, damage or noise issues. <b>d) Insuring compliance</b> Wildlife closures, restoration project areas and cultural sites protected by fencing, gates, barriers and signage. Monitoring identified sensitive sites encourages compliance, provides early detection of trespass and ensures timely, effective measures of protection. <b>e) Eliminating illegal riding/trespass</b> “Designated routes only” allows capability to identify and deal effectively and immediately to illegal use <b>f) Preventing off-route travel</b> Visitor info. disseminated and posted at administrative sites, OHV staging areas and at trailheads. Illegal off-route travel reduced significantly <b>g) Protecting public health and safety</b> OHV support infrastructure assures and sustains sanitation, water quality and safe, well maintained facilities. <b>h) Avoiding increased maintenance</b> Priority deferred maintenance = reduced facility depreciation. <b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds:</b> <b>State (27 out of 30) MNF (30 out of 30)</b> <b>a) Use of innovative or efficient materials</b> \$1.85 per visitor (based on PAR data) covers basic needs for O&M. Agency contribution in FY 2006-2007 = 15% or \$41,635. <b>b) The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs</b> Prevent heavy deferred maintenance or replacement costs. Durable, state-of-the-art designs in order to minimize impacts, increase serviceability and expand recreation opportunities. Infrastructure continues to provide long-term effective and functional support. <b>c) Use of partnerships</b> Agree with Division rating.				Found on Pages 352 – 354

<p><b>d) Use of other funds</b> Forest successfully competed for other grants using OHV Trust funds as leverage.</p> <p><b>e) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor</b> Agree with Division rating.</p> <p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> <b>State (2 out of 30) MNF (25 out of 30)</b></p> <p><b>a) Completion of prior projects</b> Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.</p> <p><b>b) History of fiscal accountability</b> Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>c) Qualifications and availability of staff</b> Skilled operators maintain all routes in compliance with soil loss standards evidenced by quality and condition of the OHV trail system. Direct result of the outstanding personnel assigned to OHV management and their ownership in the program. Forest has recognized experts as Maser Performers managing the program on the Forest totaling 121 years experience.</p>	
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Trail Maintenance, Projects - OR-2-ME-60 USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST		November 3, 2006		
Criteria		Points Possible	Division Score	Revised Score
<b>1. The project, as documented in the trail maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails and/or areas for OHV recreation:</b> a) Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas b) Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs c) Maintain safe riding conditions d) Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area		40	27	<b>38</b>
<b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds:</b> a) Use of innovative or efficient materials b) Use of partnerships c) Use of other funds d) Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor e) Avoiding or reducing future costs		30	30	<b>30</b>
<b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> a) Completion of prior projects b) History of fiscal accountability c) Qualifications and availability of staff		30	9	<b>26</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>94</b>
66 points = 60% x \$290,385 = \$174,231				
<b>Recommended Scoring Changes</b>				
<b>94 points = 90% x \$290,383 = \$261,344</b>				
<p><b>1. The project, as documented in the trail maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails and/or areas for OHV recreation: State (27 out of 40) MNF (38 out of 40)</b></p> <p><b>a) Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas</b> Aggressive monitoring program designed to identify and correct problems as they occur. Ensures soil conservation and wildlife habitat and plant communities from OHV impacts.</p> <p><b>b) Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs.</b> Trail maintenance action plans prepared prior to each trail maintenance season, late October to early June. Implementing this comprehensive approach avoids unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance.</p> <p><b>c) Maintain safe riding conditions</b> 252 miles of designated OHV routes with difficulty ratings that accurately reflect skill level needed to safely negotiate trails. Signing on the ground consistent with the free OHV visitor guides. Organized motorcycle events require Forest OHV staff to work closely with promoters to layout the routes and assure proper signing, with public safety being the highest concern.</p> <p><b>d) Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area</b> Free OHV guide maps and signage on the ground. Large, reflective information signs explaining OHV operating restrictions on Forest entry roads. Forest has worked with private landowners to ensure effective measures to prevent OHV trespass. Maintain 1167 miles of roughly graded roads available for OHV use.</p> <p><b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds:</b> <b>State (30 out of 30) MNF (30 out of 30)</b> Forest agrees with Division rating for this item.</p> <p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> <b>State (9 out of 30) MNF (26 out of 30)</b></p> <p><b>a) Completion of prior projects</b> Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.</p> <p><b>b) History of fiscal accountability</b> Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>c) Qualifications and availability of staff</b> Skilled operators maintain all routes in compliance with soil loss standards evidenced by quality and condition of the OHV trail system. Direct result of the outstanding personnel assigned to OHV management and their ownership in the program. Forest has recognized experts as Master Performers managing the program on the Forest totaling 121 years experience.</p>				Found on Pages 461 - 462

<b>Law Enforcement Projects – OR-2-ME-59</b>		<b>November 3, 2006</b>		
<b>USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST</b>		<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Division Score</b>	<b>Revised Score</b>
<b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b> a) Reducing resource damage b) Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property c) Reducing conflict		35	35	<b>35</b>
<b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b> a) Enforce laws and regulations b) Emergency response c) Search and rescue d) Education/outreach e) Other proactive measures		30	30	<b>30</b>
<b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds:</b> a) Use of partnerships b) Use of other funds c) Use of volunteers d) Reducing future costs e) Appropriate use of equipment		20	20	<b>20</b>
<b>4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> a) Ability to complete project b) History of fiscal accountability c) Commitment of staff to OHV program		15	9	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99</b>
94 points = 90% x \$259,992 = \$233,992				
<b>Recommended Scoring Changes</b>				
<b>99 points = 100% x \$259,992 = \$259,992</b>				
<p><b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</b>  <b>State (35 out of 35) MNF (35 out of 35)</b>  Forest agrees with Division rating for this item.</p> <p><b>2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds:</b>  <b>State (20 out of 20) MNF (20 out of 20)</b>  Forest agrees with Division rating for this item.</p> <p><b>3. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b>  <b>State (9 out of 15) MNF (14 out of 15)</b></p> <p><b>a) Ability to complete project</b>  Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.</p> <p><b>b) History of fiscal accountability</b>  Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>c) Commitment of staff to OHV program</b>  "Model" of successful and innovative management. Quality personnel with over 121 year of OHV experience assigned to OHV management with ownership in the program. Dedication to excellence in every aspect of OHV management. Requests to host numerous field-trips and frequent contacts for consultation services on OHV issues by agencies, OHV advocates and the environmental community as well. Personnel are highly trained and equipped, possessing the appropriate tools and know-how to effectively carryout the full spectrum of OHV enforcement activities. A State OHMVR audit of the Forest's OHV LE Program by T. Bernardo and J. Pelonio in 2002 concluded that "the LE review was very positive" and "the program continues to be one of the strongest in the state."</p>				Found on Pages 111 - 113

<b>Equipment Projects – OR-2-ME-61</b>		<b>November 3, 2006</b>		
<b>USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST</b>				
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Division Score</b>	<b>Revised Score</b>	
<b>1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the:</b> a) Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment b) Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds	40	24	<b>35</b>	
<b>2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas:</b> a) Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas b) Use of partnerships c) Use of other funds d) The proposed equipment purchase or repair e) Use of volunteers	20	20	<b>20</b>	
<b>3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:</b> a) The amount of existing recreational use b) The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity c) The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas d) Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions	30	27	<b>28</b>	
<b>4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested.</b>	10	8	<b>8</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>
79 points = 70% x \$68,750 = \$48,125				
<b>Recommended Scoring Changes</b>				
<b>86 points = 80% x \$68,750 = \$55,000</b>				
<p><b>1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the: State (24 out of 40) MNF (35 out of 40)</b></p> <p><b>a) Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment</b> Operational costs are covered in Trail Maintenance Projects - OR-2-ME-60.</p> <p><b>b) Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds</b> Unable to provide the staffing for operating this equipment without some reliance on OHV Funds. Forest also funds equipment operator to perform maintenance level 2 (ML2) road maintenance. ML2 road maintenance is funded with appropriated funding representing part of contribution to maintaining a designated road and trail system providing miles of legal opportunities for OHV. Funding will help assure that high-level OHV recreation can be sustained into the future.</p> <p><b>2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas: State (20 out of 20) MNF (20 out of 20)</b> Forest agrees with Division rating for this item.</p> <p><b>3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following: State (27 out of 30) MNF (28 out of 30)</b></p> <p><b>a) The amount of existing recreational use</b> Visitation to the Forest has increased by approximately 18%, from 123,055 to 149,720 over five years. Large inventory of designated OHV routes and major staging areas have established the District as an ideal location for hosting and staging two major AMA sanctioned OHV enduro events annually. Funding is essential to meeting established soil loss standards and sustaining recreational OHV opportunities.</p> <p><b>b) The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity</b> PAR figures show for the past five years, OHV visitation to the Forest has increased by almost 18%, from 123,055 to 149,720. Restrictions or closures affecting other nearby OHV areas such as Cow Mountain and Knoxville (BLM) increases visitation to the Forest.</p> <p><b>c) The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas</b> A SWECO 480 will enable restoration of damaged areas and achieve commitment to complete restoration projects that we have received funding for during the past two grant cycles.</p> <p><b>d) Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions</b> Record breaking precipitation on western side of the Forest during 2006 contributed significantly to accelerated soil erosion on many of our motorized trails and ML2 roads increasing the need for a new SWECO 480.</p> <p><b>4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested. State (8 out of 10) MNF (8 out of 10)</b> Forest agrees with Division rating for this item.</p>				Found on Pages 301 - 302

Thomes Creek Restoration Project - OR-2-ME-58 USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST		November 3, 2006		
Criteria		Points Possible	Division Score	Revised Score
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage: a) Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat b) Rare, threatened, and endangered species c) Cultural resources d) Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area		40	0	32
2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds: a) The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs b) Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods c) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor d) Use of partnerships e) Use of other funds		15	10	14
3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories: a) Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted: i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area b) Repair of illegal OHV activity: i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity c) Closure due to management action: i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation		20	5	12
4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful		10	0	8
5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects: a) Completion of prior project(s) b) History of fiscal accountability c) Applicant has a proven track record		15	8	14
TOTAL		100	23	80
23 points = 0% x \$75,680 = \$0				
Recommended Scoring Changes				
80 points = 80% x \$75,680 = \$60,544				
1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage: State (0 out of 40) MNF (32 out of 40) Although not specifically identified in the original application for this project, it has been determined that perimeter signing, barriers and fencing can and will be implemented within the first year of this project to achieve the Forest Land & Resource Management Plan direction prohibiting motorized use. Route designation inventory work has identified motorized trespass into this Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Backcountry Area. Physical closure, combined with extra enforcement emphasis in this area, will be instrumental to protecting the area from further motorized incursions while an analysis of restoration needs within the boundary of the management area is completed.				Found on Pages 238 - 241
a) Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat The western half of the Backcountry Area is located within Late Successional Reserve (LSR) RC309. Key wildlife habitat exists. This project will analyze the existing situation and develop a plan to effectively prohibit motorized use as prescribed in the Backcountry Management Area #43.				
b) Rare, threatened, and endangered species Wildlife values are considered high, with deer winter range and suitable habitat for bald eagle (T&E), goshawk and prairie falcon found within the area. The western half of the area is located within critical habitat for T&E northern spotted owl. A potential peregrine falcon nest site is located within the area. A population of Brodiaea coronaria ssp. rosea has been located immediately east of this area so potential habitat for that species may exist. The Gorge serves as a natural barrier to anadromous fish; however the stream is a tributary to the Sacramento River System.				
c) Cultural resources High probability of prehistoric sites due to Thomes Creek and tributaries.				
d) Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area Thomes Creek determined eligible for Wild and Scenic River status by the Mendocino FL&RMP. Proposed Devil's Basin Research Natural Area (Management Area #5) forms a portion of the boundary of this management area.				
2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds: State (10 out of 15) MNF (14 out of 15) a) The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs Will provide economical, effective treatment to gain compliance with FL&RMP and restore any damage from past motorized use. Following analysis, Forest plans to apply for funding assistance to implement any restoration needs detected.				

**b) Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods**

Use of small specialized mechanized equipment allows scarification to loosen compacted soils and reshaping the original contours of OHV impacted areas. Equipment is effective in installing water control features, placement of natural barriers such as boulders or trees, and culvert removal or installation. Mulching with a variety of natural and commercial erosion control products, native seed collection and sowing, fertilization formulas, strategic cross-slope tree falling and area camouflaging as needed. Innovative protection measures include: No-dig barrier and fencing systems, stiles that allow foot traffic but prevent motorized access and effective interpretive signing explaining restoration's role in promoting environmentally responsible OHV recreation opportunities. San Dimas T&D Center research on the Forest due to innovations in restoration.

**c) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor**

Use of inmate crews to install signs and barriers where motorized use has been detected on the perimeter of this Management Area.

**d) Use of partnerships**

No additional information

**e) Use of other funds**

Forest should be able to partner with US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, Fish and Game and will seek help from university departments.

**3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:**

**State (5 out of 20) MNF (12 out of 20)**

**a) Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:****i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted**

No additional information

**ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue**

No additional information

**iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area**

No additional information

**b) Repair of illegal OHV activity:****i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity**

Perimeter signs and barrier systems in the interim. Restoration measures in areas determined by analysis.

**c) Closure due to management action:****i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation**

Signing and monitoring to prohibit motorized use in Backcountry prescription established by FLMRP in 1995.

**4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful State (0 out of 10) MNF (8 out of 10)**

District intends to physically control motorized use through the use of signs, barriers, and patrols until restoration needs are determined.

**5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:**

**State (8 out of 15) MNF (14 out of 15)**

**a) Completion of prior project(s)**

Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.

**b) History of fiscal accountability**

Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.

**c) Applicant has a proven track record**

Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000 annually.

<b>Butter Trail Restoration Project - OR-2-ME-63</b>		<b>November 3, 2006</b>		
<b>USFS MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST</b>		<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Division Score</b>	<b>Revised Score</b>
<b>Criteria</b>				
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage:</b> a) Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat b) Rare, threatened, and endangered species c) Cultural resources d) Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area		40	5	<b>38</b>
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds:</b> a) The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs b) Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods c) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor d) Use of partnerships e) Use of other funds		15	15	<b>15</b>
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b> a) Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted: i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area b) Repair of illegal OHV activity: i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity c) Closure due to management action: i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation		20	16	<b>16</b>
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful</b>		10	7	<b>8</b>
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> a) Completion of prior project(s) b) History of fiscal accountability c) Applicant has a proven track record		15	9	<b>14</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>91</b>
52 points = 50% x \$5,914 = \$2,957				
<b>Recommended Scoring Changes</b>				
<b>91 points = 90% x \$5,914 = \$5,323</b>				
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage:</b> <b>State (5 out of 40) MNF (38 out of 40)</b> <b>a) Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat</b> This project is located within a 30-40 year old mixed conifer plantation. The main objective of the project is to close a non-compliant segment of trail which will aid in the stabilization and conservation of soil resources and assure compliance with Forest Service "Best Management Practices" (BMPs). <b>b) Rare, threatened, and endangered species</b> There are no threatened and endangered species within the project area. <b>c) Cultural resources</b> There are no cultural resources within the project area. <b>d) Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area</b> The project site is not located within a wilderness area nor is it located within an environmentally sensitive area. <b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds: State (15 out of 15) MNF (15 out of 15)</b> <b>a) The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs</b> No additional information <b>b) Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods</b> No additional information <b>c) Use of volunteers or other low cost labor</b> No additional information <b>d) Use of partnerships</b> No additional information <b>e) Use of other funds</b> No additional information <b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b> <b>State (16 out of 20) MNF (16 out of 20)</b> <b>a) Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:</b> No additional information <b>i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted</b> No additional information <b>ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue</b> No additional information				Found on Pages 232 - 234

**iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area**

No additional information

**b) Repair of illegal OHV activity:**

No additional information

**i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity**

No additional information

**c) Closure due to management action:**

No additional information

**i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation**

No additional information

**4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful State (7 out of 10) MNF (8 out of 10)**

Any findings of adverse effects caused by OHV use will be included in the Forest's "Annual Monitoring Program Report" and result in prioritization for a prescribed action to correct the problem in a specified time. The annual report includes a description of any resource impacts detected during monitoring and identifies the protection measures or mitigations necessary to meet success criteria and restore compliance as the desired result. Restoration accomplishments are monitored through annual photo-point analysis.

**5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:**

**State (9 out of 15) MNF (14 out of 15)**

**a) Completion of prior project(s)**

Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.

**b) History of fiscal accountability**

Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.

**c) Applicant has a proven track record**

Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.



<p><b>b) Repair of illegal OHV activity:</b> No additional information</p> <p><b>i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity</b> No additional information</p> <p><b>c) Closure due to management action:</b> No additional information</p> <p><b>i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation</b> No additional information</p> <p><b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful State (7 out of 10) MNF (8 out of 10)</b> Any findings of adverse effects caused by OHV use will be included in the Forest's "Annual Monitoring Program Report" and result in prioritization for a prescribed action to correct the problem in a specified time. The annual report includes a description of any resource impacts detected during monitoring and identifies the protection measures or mitigations necessary to meet success criteria and restore compliance as the desired result. Restoration accomplishments are monitored through annual photo-point analysis.</p> <p><b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects:</b> <b>State (9 out of 15) MNF (14 out of 15)</b></p> <p><b>a) Completion of prior project(s)</b> Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.</p> <p><b>b) History of fiscal accountability</b> Fiscal proficiency has progressed on the Forest in OHV program management staff. Budget and Finance personnel on Forest have worked closely with the OHMVR during sustained partnership to help develop fiscal protocol and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>c) Applicant has a proven track record</b> Since 1982, the Forest has competed for and successfully received 56 State OHV assistance grants in support of the Forest's OHV program. The Total amount of grants received to date exceeds 11 million dollars which equates to approximately \$500,000.</p>	
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## San Bernardino National Forest

From: Christopher Evans [<mailto:chrisevans@fs.fed.us>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 11:18 AM  
To: OHVINFO  
Subject: San Bernardino NF Clarification of factual findings...

Please find attached 5 .pdf documents providing clarification of information provided in OHMVRD applications for Coop. Agreements. This is in response to the email dated Nov 13, 2006 requesting this information for posting to the Division website.

(See attached file: SBNF\_Review of factual findings\_OR-2-SB-94.pdf)(See attached file: SBNF\_Review of factual findings\_OR-2-SB-89.pdf)(See attached file: SBNF\_Review of factual findings\_OR-2-SB-90.pdf)(See attached file: SBNF\_Review of factual findings\_OR-2-SB-93.pdf)(See attached file: SBNF Review of factual findings OR-2-SB-92.pdf)

Thanks! Chris.....

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Please see attached. Clarification of grant applications for San Bernardino NF....

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## **OR-2-SB-94 USFS- San Bernardino NF Trail Maintenance Clarification of information found in grant application**

**NOT CONSENT <Suggested adjusted scores shown in red>**

**[72 out of 100][48 out of 100]**

**1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:**

**[30 out of 40][20 out of 40]**

a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)

*The trail maintenance program is effectively maintaining all of the 24 and 50 inch trails with a small, efficient crew. This is evidenced by the soil condition rating table, which indicates no red trails. It is further evidenced by current and past WHPPs, which indicated no known take of a TES species. [7][7]*

b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)

*Neglected trails require costly restoration in the future. [3][7]*

*Response: The application states on page 52, paragraph 3 that, "Failure to fully implement the Forest's trail maintenance and conservation program will result in a rapid decline in the quality and sustainability of the Forest's 24" and 50" trail system. **Failure and/or sediment loading of rolling dips will quickly lead to unacceptable levels of erosion and soil loss** and ultimately closure per soil loss standards. Lack of maintenance to 'Easiest' routes will allow them to deteriorate, creating a hazard to public health and safety as novice users encounter terrain and obstacles not to be expected. Effects to cultural and natural resources will go unmitigated, as **minor off-route impacts go untreated and become illegal trails requiring costly restoration in the future.**"*

c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)

*Novice riders can find well-groomed, obstacle free trails. Broken trees and snags are removed so as not to pose a danger to trail users. [5][9]*

*Response: The application states on page 50, paragraph 3 that, "The benefit of performing annual maintenance with a trail dozer is best demonstrated in the ability to maintain the trails in an environmentally sustainable manner, **while also at the desired level of difficulty, i.e. Easiest, More and Most Difficult.** A trail designated Easiest that has developed deep erosion ruts or other obstacles is easily restored to its desired condition by restoration of consistent tread, reestablishment of rolling dips, and removal of obstacles. The trail dozer can reestablish trail features much more efficiently than a small trail crew and can compact the soil to the desired shape. The use of the trail dozer on ATV trails is also beneficial in eliminating long sections of "whoops" or*

"stutter bumps," repairing banked turns, bringing soil back onto the trail from deposits in lead outs and performing general tread maintenance. All of these activities are more efficiently and effectively completed by a trail dozer than by hand crews. **On some of the Most Difficult OHV routes the trail dozer has also been utilized to affect an entrance strategy that incorporates large rocks and dips to insure that only a true OHV can access the route. This strategy 'informs' the user immediately that they are about to embark on a Most Difficult trail and allows the inexperienced enthusiast an opportunity to turn back before encountering difficulty along the trail beyond their ability.**" The application also states on page 51, paragraph 1 that, "**Brush is cut back on corners to insure adequate sight visibility thru the turn for rider safety.**" The application further describes on page 52, paragraph 2 that, "By maintaining all trails to their intended standard, users are encouraged to remain on designated routes since they are exposed to the trail experience and level of difficulty they anticipate. **Public health and safety is also protected as novice users seeking an 'easy' experience are likely to find a well-groomed, obstacle-free trail when they choose an 'Easiest' route.**"

d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)  
*By maintaining trails, users are encouraged to remain on designated routes. The use of native materials to disguise unauthorized routes is the most common and efficient method used. [5][7]*

**2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following: [22 out of 30][15 out of 30]**

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials

*The use of native materials to disguise unauthorized routes is the most common and efficient method used.*

b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*Adopt-a-Trail Program is soliciting corporate sponsorships.*

*Response: The application states on page 50, paragraph 1 that, "Annual maintenance activities are also coordinated with the Forest's Adopt-a-Trail Program Leader, who is able to schedule AAT groups to assist in annual maintenance of many of the roads and trails. Activities include brushing, fallen tree removal, tread repair, clearing and grubbing, and removal of unwanted obstacles." The application also states on page 52, paragraph 1 that, "The SBNFA is also developing a sponsorship program for the Adopt-a-Trail program, which will solicit corporate sponsorship for AAT clubs, providing tools, equipment and supplies necessary for maintenance of their adopted routes. This program will bring additional external resources to the program, allowing the AAT program to provide improved services to the Forest at a reduced cost."*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$40,324.*

*Response: The application states on page 52, paragraph 1 that, "This program of work is completed each year by only a three to four person crew, and is made possible by the tremendous contributions of the SBNFA OHV Volunteers and Adopt-a-Trail members (See Facilities O&M Application, Analysis of Project Needs and Benefits, page 16, paragraphs 1-3). The SBNFA is also developing a sponsorship program for the Adopt-a-Trail program, which will solicit corporate sponsorship for AAT clubs, providing tools, equipment and supplies necessary for maintenance of their adopted routes. This program will bring additional external resources to the program, allowing the AAT program to provide improved services to the Forest at a reduced cost."*

**d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor**

*The San Bernardino Forest Association is an active volunteer group.*

**e. Avoiding or reducing future costs**

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*Response: The application states on page 52, paragraph 3 that, "Failure to fully implement the Forest's trail maintenance and conservation program will result in a rapid decline in the quality and sustainability of the Forest's 24" and 50" trail system. Failure and/or sediment loading of rolling dips will quickly lead to unacceptable levels of erosion and soil loss, and ultimately closure per soil loss standards. Lack of maintenance to 'Easiest' routes will allow them to deteriorate, creating a hazard to public health and safety as novice users encounter terrain and obstacles not to be expected. **Effects to cultural and natural resources will go unmitigated, as minor off-route impacts go untreated and become illegal trails requiring costly restoration in the future.**"*

**3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:[20 out of 30][13 out of 30]**

*General Response: The Forest's Conservation application was scored 12 out of 15 in this category based on similar, at times identical responses to the criteria below.*

**a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)**

*The applicant lists OR-2-SB-80 and OR-2-SB-82 as prior grants, which were completed within timeframes provided. [6][8]*

*Response: The application states on page 53, paragraph 2 that, "More recently, the Forest has completed two Cooperative Agreements with OHMVRD in 2003/2004 and 2004/2005. The first agreement, **OR-2-SB-80, was completed in June, 2005. Final billing was submitted in September, 2005 when agreement was 92% complete. OR-2-SB-82 was completed June 30, 2006. When final billing is submitted, the Trail Maintenance component of this agreement will be billed at 100% complete.** Please see Forest-wide PAR, Section IX, pages 204-210 for detailed description of Trail Maintenance accomplishments for OR-2-SB-82."*

**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 5 out of 5 in this criteria with similar explanation of past projects completed.**

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)  
*The applicant states that per audits, only \$226,455 is subject to repayment over the past 20 years. However, the applicant states they have recovered records that refute all audit exceptions. [4][6]*

*Response: The application states on page 53, paragraphs 2 and 3 that, "The San Bernardino National Forest has successfully executed dozens of Cooperative Agreements with the OHMVRD since the program's inception. During a recent audit of past agreements dating back to 1985, it was the State's finding that only \$226,455.27 in past expenditures over 20 years may be subject to repayment. **It was the Forest Supervisor's finding that, 'in the past several weeks the Forest has been able to diligently research and recover records that refute all of the State's audit exceptions. That information is summarized in the attached report, and hard copies of supporting documentation are enclosed. It is our strong belief that the Forest is not responsible for returning any of the requested.... balance claimed due by the State.'** This report is not included in this application, but can be made available upon request. In general, **research indicated that refunds were made to the State when warranted and expenditures were made within the timeframes and deliverables of past agreements.***

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**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 3 out of 5 on this criteria based on same explanation of past fiscal responsibility.**

c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)

*Staff includes a program leader, an OHV technician and one part-time equipment operator and one part time swamper. [3][6]*

*Response: The application also states on page 52, paragraph 1 that, "The trail maintenance program of the San Bernardino National Forest has a well-demonstrated history of effectively maintaining all of the 24" and 50" trails on the Forest with a small and efficient crew. **This is clearly evidenced by the attached Soil Condition Rating Table, Section VIII, which indicates that currently no trail on the Forest is in a 'Red' condition. The success of the trail maintenance program is further evidenced by current and past WHPPs, which indicated no known take of a TES species as a result of OHV use on the Forest.**"*

## OR-2-SB-93 San Bernardino NF OHV Safety and/or Education 07

-- **NON-CESA**

### Clarification of information found in grant application

**NOT CONSENT <Suggested adjusted scores shown in red>**

**[80 out of 100][60 out of 100]**

1. The project's curriculum or services lead to the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[28 out of 35] [19 out of 35]**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict, or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*Due to a population growth, continued increase in OHV use and sales and decrease in OHV acreage, it is imperative to educate OHV users of their responsibilities to public lands*

*Response: On page 25, paragraph 2, the application states, "The educational curriculum is taught in schools and at public events, and teaches environmental awareness, respect for public lands, as well as other user groups. It focuses on such key issues as understanding environmental impact, the need to stay on the trail, and how to share public lands with others to avoid user conflict. Teaching the values of land ethics and stewardship to today's youth has a positive effect on tomorrow's land users and leaders." The application also explains on page 26, paragraph 2, "Through education, we will foster a safe and responsible recreating public. Widespread delivery of these important messages will help reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel, and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing on private lands."*

b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to OHV recreation from noise, trespass and property damage

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

*Response: The application describes on page 28, paragraphs 1 and 3 how a California State education standards aligned curriculum was developed to teach "a 'stay on the trail' message, as well as resource damage and safety information." The application describes on page 26, paragraph 2 how, "Widespread delivery of these important messages will help reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel, and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing on private lands."*

c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)

*Education will help to reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing on private lands.*

d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*Education will help to reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel on and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing private lands.*

*Response: The application describes on page 28, paragraphs 1 and 3 how a California State education standards aligned curriculum was developed to teach “a ‘stay on the trail’ message, as well as resource damage and safety information.” SBNFA staff and volunteers have, “distributed the curriculum to area elementary schools, other land-management agencies (including four out-of-state), and taught lessons at OHV dealer open houses, developed instructional handbook for On The Right Trail instructors, and trained volunteers in teaching methods for the curriculum.” The application describes on page 26, paragraph 2 how, “**Widespread delivery of these important messages will help reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel, and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing on private lands.**”*

e. Preventing off-route travel

*Education will help to reduce conflict amongst different user groups, protect animal habitat, prevent off-route travel and eventually help to eradicate illegal riding and/or trespassing on private lands.*

*See response to criteria d.*

f. Promoting safe and responsible OHV use

*Through education the applicant will foster a safe and responsible recreating public.*

*Response: The application describes on page 25, paragraph 4 how the dealer ‘point of sale’ program provides, “information about safety, legal riding opportunities and land stewardship to the OHV buyer at the time of the sale. This gets needed information into the OHV user’s hands at the same time the vehicle is purchased, and makes it easier for new users to enjoy their vehicle safely and responsibly.”*

**2. The project will address OHV-related safety and/or education issues. Examples may include one or more of the following:**

**[27 out of 35][27 out of 35]**

a. Inspection stations (e.g. noise compliance, vehicle safety)

*The applicant offers free sound checks to allow the public to ascertain that their bikes are in compliance with State noise regulations. The applicant also offers inspections for spark arrestors which helps reduce the risk of accidental wild*

*fires.*

**b. Search and rescue**

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

**c. Volunteer Trail patrol**

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.*

**d. Education/outreach (e.g. handbooks, public service announcements)**

*Information such as maps, responsible riding handouts and Forest Service contact information is provided at kiosks. Public outreach and education is accomplished through press releases, Public Service Announcements, magazine articles and media such as television and radio.*

**e. Other proactive measures**

*Proactive measures include partnerships with dealerships to put needed information into the customers' hands by using a unique point of sale program, and a school curriculum program that focuses on environmental stewardship and safety.*

**3. The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the application must address:[14 out of 15]  
[9 out of 15]**

**a. Cost effectiveness (cost vs. numbers of students or general public) (5)**

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0][4]  
Response: The application states on page 26, paragraph 5 that, "...the OHV Education Outreach program strives to address the needs of the San Bernardino National Forest through a myriad of venues. By relying largely on volunteers to help fulfill these needs, the cost and personnel impacts to the Forest are greatly reduced. On a busy weekend, one informational kiosk may be visited by up to 2000 OHV users per day. This is a very cost effective way to disseminate information to the public, as the only direct cost is that for the materials distributed, many of which are obtained through generous discounts and in-kind donations made by corporate partners."*

**b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds) (5)**

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$108,490. [5][5]*

c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or appropriate use of equipment such as computerized training to reduce the OHV funds needed for the project. (5)

*Use of partnerships includes those with the Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, American Honda, San Bernardino National Forest Association, and Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce. [4][5]*

**4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address: [11 out of 15][6 out of 15]**

*General Response: The Forest's Conservation application was scored 12 out of 15 in this category based on similar, at times identical responses to the criteria below.*

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant cites OR-2-SB-80 and OR-2-SB- 82 which are closed and complete. [2][4]*

*Response: The application states on page 26, paragraph 6, "The OHV Education Outreach program of the SBNFA is a relatively new program, having a full-time paid coordinator for only the second year. The program has historically been categorized by the Forest as part of the SBNFA OHV Volunteer program and has been funded through FO&M. As the Education Outreach program has grown over the past two years, the Forest feels it is appropriate to apply for funds under the OHV Safety and/or Education Program category. The position was first funded by the OHMVRD in agreement OR-2-SB-80 (2003/2004). This agreement has been closed and was 98% complete at final billing according to Forest records. The position was funded again by OHMVRD in agreement OR-2-SB-82 (2004/2005), which is also closed and will be 100% complete when final bill is submitted. Please see 'Accomplishments' below which reflect completion of deliverables as outlined in the above agreements."*

**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 5 out of 5 in this criteria with similar explanation of past projects completed.**

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0][3]*

*Response: The application states on page 26, paragraph 6, "The OHV Education Outreach program of the SBNFA is a relatively new program, having a full-time paid coordinator for only the second year. The program has historically been categorized by the Forest as part of the SBNFA OHV Volunteer program and has been funded through FO&M. As the Education Outreach program has grown over the past two years, the Forest feels it is appropriate to apply for funds under the OHV Safety and/or Education Program category. The position was first funded by the OHMVRD in agreement OR-2-SB-80 (2003/2004). This agreement has been closed and was 98% complete at final billing according to Forest records. The position was funded again by OHMVRD in agreement OR-2-SB-82 (2004/2005), which is also closed and will be 100% complete*

*when final bill is submitted. Please see 'Accomplishments' below which reflect completion of deliverables as outlined in the above agreements."*

**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 3 out of 5 on this criteria based on similar explanation of past fiscal responsibility.**

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)  
*Staff includes a full time coordinator with a degree in Communications/Public Relations. Remaining staff positions are filled by volunteers. [4][4]*

**OR-2-SB-90 San Bernardino NF Restoration 07**  
**Clarification of information found in grant application**

**NOT CONSENT <Suggested adjusted scores shown in red>**  
**[86 out of 100][64 out of 100]**

**1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:**  
**[38 out of 40][35 out of 40]**

**a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat**

*The project would reduce erosion and protect vegetation buffers that protect endangered species habitat.*

*Response: The application also states on page 79, paragraph 2 that, "A hydrological survey of the area was conducted in October, 2003, which found, 'Over time, and use by OHVs, the staging area has lost a significant amount of soil cover and has partially eroded into a depression area with drainage contours that favor a limited set of runoff pathways.' If measures are not taken to mitigate these impacts, degradation of the staging area, surrounding areas and nearby watersheds will continue. Impacts to vegetation are also threatening native plant communities and are significantly degrading the aesthetic quality of the site."*

**b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species**

*The application states; "Three federally endangered, 2 federally threatened, 5 Sensitive and 2 Watch list plant species are found here along with suitable habitat for a federally endangered bird. Suitable habitat for 11 Sensitive and 36 Watch list wildlife species is also present." The application lists special status species.*

**c. Cultural resources**

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*Response: The application states on page 91, paragraph F that, "**Heritage resources were not located during surveys for new trails in this location during the 1988 Environmental Analysis.** The staging area was an old borrow site prior to establishment as an OHV area. However, **heritage resources are known from the surrounding area and surveys will be completed to ensure compliance with the 2001 Decision Memo. (See pages 92-94) It states specific locations will be reviewed by an archaeologist to determine the best method for restoration, they will be consulted prior to work and impacts to heritage resources will be avoided.**"*

**d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area**

*The Bighorn Mountains Wilderness Area is within 1/4 mile of the project site.*

**2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:**  
**[15 out of 15][12 out of 15]**

a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs

*The application states; "Future maintenance costs will also be reduced through the installation of barriers to protect restoration sites and prevent the need for additional repair and restoration in the future."*

b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs

*The application states; "Restoration activities will include intensive replanting of native vegetation on approximately 5 acres, slashing and seeding impacted areas adjacent the staging area, future monitoring, weeding, and maintenance of all restoration activities to ensure success." The project would involve propagating native plants.*

c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*The application attributes 4,000 hours of volunteer labor for plant propagation and planting in support of the applicant's restoration program. The application states; "Other activities, including the installation of signs and barriers will also be supported by volunteer corps, primarily the SBNFA OHV Volunteers. It is expected that of a \$300,000.00 budget projected for this project, nearly \$50,000, or 17%, will be through volunteer contributed hours."*

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*Partnerships are not addressed.*

*Response: The application states on page 80, paragraph 3 that, "Ecological restoration activities across the Forest have historically been widely supported by the Forest's volunteer groups. Seeding and out-planting activities describe herein will be supported by the Green Thumb Volunteers who contributed over 4,000 hours to restoration activities on the SBNF last year. Other activities, including the installation of signs and barriers will also be supported by volunteer corps, primarily the SBNFA OHV Volunteers. It is expected that of a \$300,000.00 budget projected for this project, nearly \$50,000, or 17%, will be through volunteer contributed hours." The application continues to explain on page 85, paragraph 2 that, "In addition to annual monitoring, the new restoration sites will also be monitored, weeded and maintained primarily by the Green Thumb Volunteers, approximately twice a month during the growing season until established, which typically takes two to three years."*

*Partnerships are again discussed on page 90, paragraph B., which states, "Any subsequent work needed such as supplemental watering, weed removal, fence and sign repair, or additional hydrological work will be conducted by volunteers on regularly scheduled monthly volunteer days. The Green Thumbs, Student Conservation Association, and the Boy Scouts also provide volunteer labor in maintaining restoration sites."*

e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The application mentions Adventure Pass funding that was used for a toilet facility at the staging area. The Project Costs/deliverables page shows \$170,207*

in agency contributions.

**3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:** [18 out of 20] [7 out of 20]

*General Response: All criteria in each of the three categories are addressed in the application.*

a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:

i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted

*The application states; "The area is maintained annually, including the staging area and trails, and is routinely patrolled by law enforcement and forest protection officers."*

ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue

*The application states; "In spite of intensive management of the staging area and associated trail system, the lack of barriers and physical definition of the area to restrict off-site and off-route impacts adjacent the staging area have, over time, caused the footprint of the staging area to expand."*

iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area

*The application states; "Barriers and signs will also be installed to protect restored areas, and to better direct vehicle and OHV traffic to appropriate opportunities within and adjacent to the staging area."*

*Response: The application states on page 85, paragraphs 4-5 that, "The Forest has recently increased its law enforcement presence in the Cactus Flats area. As part of the Forest's 2005/2006 OHMVRD agreement for Law Enforcement, the Forest recently hired a full-time Forest Protection Officer (FPO) assigned exclusively to the Mountain Top District. The Law Enforcement project as part of this application includes a request for continued funding of this position. Through the SBNFA OHV Volunteer and Adopt-a-Trail programs, the Forest volunteer liaison/Adopt-a-Trail program leader is also coordinating more frequent volunteer patrols of the area."*

*This proposal also includes extensive installation of signs and barriers designed to direct users away from unauthorized area, sensitive habitat, cultural resources and restoration sites. Barriers and fencing will be constructed as needed to protect restoration sites from further impacts. Signing will be installed to inform users that the affected sites are closed for ecosystem recovery, to alert users that they will be cited if found in violation of the closure, and that restitution will be sought for damages."*

b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:

- i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity

*The application states; "Barriers and signs will also be installed to protect restored areas, and to better direct vehicle and OHV traffic to appropriate opportunities within and adjacent to the staging area."*

c. Closure due to management action:

- i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary

*The application states; "Barriers and signs will also be installed to protect restored areas, and to better direct vehicle and OHV traffic to appropriate opportunities within and adjacent to the staging area."*

**4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.**

**[10 out of 10][10 out of 10]**

*A detailed monitoring plan is provided in the Success Criteria for Monitoring statement.*

**5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:**

**[5 out of 15][0 out of 15]**

*General response: These criteria are addressed in detail throughout the overall application package. They are discussed on page 17 paragraph 2, page 26 paragraph 6, page 41 paragraphs 3-4, page 52 paragraph 4 and page 53 paragraphs 1-2, and page 67 paragraphs 3-4. The criteria were not addressed specifically within the restoration proposal due to page limitations.*

- a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

- b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

- c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0][5]*

*Response: The application includes the Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (WHPP) which states on page 112, paragraph 3 that, "Since the OHV system covers a large portion of the Forest on designated routes, the system goes through many habitats. Many of these species and habitats can be protected by the general monitoring and corrective*

actions that are being taken to make sure that OHVs are staying on the designated trails. ***Forest field staff and volunteers use checklists to identify problem areas. Most of these are taken care of on the spot at the time they are found.*** The WHPP also explains on page 114, paragraph 2 that, “Forest OHV staff will continue to conduct habitat monitoring quarterly and have results reviewed by staff biologists. The monitoring will be conducted in November, February, May, and August. Weather conditions in winter may necessitate a modification to this schedule. The monitoring will include use of WHPP monitoring and stream crossing forms. Concerns will be documented with digital images that record before and after treatment conditions. ***Any off trail habitat damage will be treated as soon as possible.*** ***This damage includes direct off trail disturbance by OHVs and indirect excessive trail damage that leads to off trail erosion. Concerns noted during regular maintenance and patrol will be dealt with as well.”***

The application also includes the Soil Conservation Program including the Soil Condition Rating Table on page 203 which indicates no trail currently in a ‘red’ condition which would warrant closure.

**OR-2-SB-89 San Bernardino NF FO&M 07**  
**Clarification of Information in Grant Application**

**NOT CONSENT** <Suggested adjusted scores shown in red>  
**[75 out of 100][63 out of 100]**

**1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:**  
**[30 out of 40][29 out of 40]**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*Facilities maintenance that needs to be performed consists of routine maintenance and repair of trailhead facilities, signs, kiosks, restrooms and toilets. Response: The application states on page 16, paragraphs 2-4, “OHV facilities operation and maintenance on the San Bernardino National Forest is a tremendous undertaking each year, at a total cost/value of over \$900,000. Fortunately, however, this effort is heavily subsidized through the contributions of the Forest’s many volunteers. Of the \$900,000 required to manage the program annually, only around \$200,000, or less than 20%, is a direct cost. The remaining 80% is contributed through volunteer labor across a variety of programs. Particularly, the SBNFA OHV Volunteers and Forest Adopt-a-Trail program contributions are collectively valued at nearly \$600,000. Through these innovative partnerships, the Forest is able to leverage nearly four dollars worth of contribution for every one dollar spent.*

*With over 170,000 OHV visitors annually and limited law enforcement staff (see Law Enforcement Application, Analysis of Project Needs and Benefits, pages 40-41), the need for additional presence on the Forest is great. **The SBNFA OHV Volunteers provide nearly 15,000 hours of Forest patrol annually, collectively covering over 15,000 miles of roads and trails.** While the Volunteers may not be law enforcement officers, they provide an invaluable service through mere presence and education regarding land use ethics, rules and regulations. The OHV Volunteers are also trained to recognize adverse resource impacts, which they often repair ‘on the spot’ or report to O&M staff immediately upon discovery. This allows staff, with assistance from volunteers, to respond and mitigate these impacts before costly restoration becomes necessary.*

***The Forest’s Adopt-a-Trail program is another critical link in the Forest’s resource protection and trail maintenance program. Coordinated by the Forest’s AAT Program Leader, the 39 clubs (over 3,100 members) take on maintenance of approximately 65 individual routes each year, totaling 280 miles of roads and trails.** With over 200 miles of designated green sticker routes on the Forest, and an additional 104 miles of 4x4 roads, the contributions of the AAT program are not only a benefit, but a necessity of the program. In no way could the Forest’s limited O&M staff complete all of the needed annual maintenance and repair without assistance from AAT members. (See PAR narrative, Section IX, for some of last year’s AAT accomplishments.) Their*

*contribution of over 8,000 hours per year is critical to keeping these roads and trails open and safe for public use.”*

**b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation**

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

**c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage**

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

**d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage**

*Maintenance and repair of directional and informational signs at trailheads and staging areas is critical to directing users to legal opportunities and away from sensitive or rehabilitated areas.*

*Response: The application also states on page 14, paragraph 2 that San Bernardino National Forest Association Volunteers, “patrol routes on ATV’s, motorcycles, and 4WD vehicles. These volunteers make public contact to provide information, watch for illegal use, and report missing signs or hazardous trail conditions.” The application also states on page 15, paragraph 2 that Adopt-a-Trail clubs routinely “(provide) protection to stream crossings, meadows and wet areas and (remove) traces of any use that occurs off the designated trail.” On page 16, paragraph 3, the application continues to state, “The OHV Volunteers are also trained to recognize adverse resource impacts, which they often repair ‘on the spot’ or report to O&M staff immediately upon discovery. This allows staff, with assistance from volunteers, to respond and mitigate these impacts before costly restoration becomes necessary.”*

**e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass**

*Maintenance and repair of directional and informational signs at trailheads and staging areas is critical to directing users to legal opportunities and away from sensitive or rehabilitated areas.*

**f. Preventing off-route travel**

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

*Response: On page 16, paragraph 3, the application states, “The OHV Volunteers are also trained to recognize adverse resource impacts, which they often repair ‘on the spot’ or report to O&M staff immediately upon discovery. This allows staff, with assistance from volunteers, to respond and mitigate these impacts before costly restoration becomes necessary.” The application also states on page 15, paragraph 2 that Adopt-a-Trail clubs routinely “(provide) protection to stream crossings, meadows and wet areas and (remove) traces of any use that occurs off the designated trail.”*

**g. Protecting public health and safety**

*The applicant states that a strong O&M program protects public health and*

safety but does not provide any detail as to how it does this.

*Response: The application states states on page 17, paragraph 1 that, "All of the components of the Forest's OHV Operation and Maintenance program must be fully implemented to meet the objectives of the program and the ever-increasing needs of the OHV using public. **Maintenance and repair of directional and informational signs at trailheads and staging areas is critical to directing users to legal opportunities and away from sensitive or rehabilitated areas. Proper administration, maintenance and cleaning of staging areas, restrooms and other facilities promotes compliance, as users are inclined to treat facilities as they appear to be treated by others. The effects of vandalism and other site degrading activities are quickly identified through strong field presence and are just as quickly mitigated and/or repaired by Forest staff. Quick response to these issues, as facilitated by a strong O&M program, protects public health and safety and controls costs by insuring that necessary repairs and maintenance are completed in a timely manner, before major repairs become needed.**"*

#### h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities

*The applicant states that a strong O&M program controls costs by ensuring that necessary repairs and maintenance are completed in a timely manner before major repairs become needed.*

## 2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.

The application must address one or more of the following:

**[26 out of 30][22 out of 30]**

#### a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&M costs

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

#### b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance

*The applicant states that a strong O&M program controls costs by ensuring that necessary repairs and maintenance are completed in a timely manner before major repairs become needed.*

*Response: The application states on page 17, paragraph 1 that, "Maintenance and repair of directional and informational signs at trailheads and staging areas is critical to directing users to legal opportunities and away from sensitive or rehabilitated areas. Proper administration, maintenance and cleaning of staging areas, restrooms and other facilities promotes compliance, as users are inclined to treat facilities as they appear to be treated by others. The effects of vandalism and other site degrading activities are quickly identified through strong field presence and are just as quickly mitigated and/or repaired by Forest staff. Quick response to these issues, as facilitated by a strong O&M program, protects public health and safety and controls costs by insuring that necessary repairs and maintenance are completed in a timely manner, before major repairs become needed."*

c. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item.*

*Response: The application states on page 16, paragraph 2 that, "OHV facilities operation and maintenance on the San Bernardino National Forest is a tremendous undertaking each year, at a total cost/value of over \$900,000. Fortunately, however, this effort is heavily subsidized through the contributions of the Forest's many volunteers. Of the \$900,000 required to manage the program annually, only around \$200,000, or less than 20%, is a direct cost. The remaining 80% is contributed through volunteer labor across a variety of programs. Particularly, the SBNFA OHV Volunteers and Forest Adopt-a-Trail program contributions are collectively valued at nearly \$600,000. Through these innovative partnerships, the Forest is able to leverage nearly four dollars worth of contribution for every one dollar spent."*

d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant states that they contribute appropriated funds for materials, supplies, printing, and other administrative costs. The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$24,113.*

e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*Volunteers include Big Bear Green Thumb, SBNFA, and Adopt-a-Trail which provided a total of 27,000 hours valued at \$600,000.*

**3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:[19 out of 30][12 out of 30]**

*General Response: The Forest's Conservation application was scored 12 out of 15 in this category based on similar, at times identical responses to the criteria below.*

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

*The applicant cites having entered into dozens of cooperative agreements with the Division. [2][5]*

*Response: The application states on page 17, paragraph 2 that, "The San Bernardino National Forest has successfully executed dozens of Cooperative Agreements with the OHMVRD since the program's inception. During a recent audit of past agreements dating back to 1985, it was the State's finding that only \$226,455.27 in past expenditures may be subject to repayment. It was the Forest Supervisor's finding that, 'in the past several weeks the Forest has been able to diligently research and recover records that refute all of the State's audit exceptions. That information is summarized in the attached report, and hard copies of supporting documentation are enclosed. It is our strong belief that the Forest is not responsible for returning any of the requested.... balance claimed due by the State.' This report is not included in this application, but can be made available upon request. In general, research indicated that refunds were*

*made to the State when warranted and expenditures were made within the timeframes and deliverables of past agreements.*”

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)  
*Since 1985 audits have found \$226,455 subject to repayment. The Forest states that it has records to refute these findings. [4][6]*  
*Response: See response to Criteria a. above, reference application page 17, paragraph 2.*

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (10)  
*Staff includes a FO&M leader with 20 years of experience a certified SWECO operator and staff with 50 collective years of experience. Volunteers are highly trained and experienced. [6][8]*  
*Response: The application states on page 17, paragraphs 3 and 4 that, “The OHV staff members of the San Bernardino National Forest are highly qualified, having nearly 50 collective years of experience in OHV management. The Forest O&M Leader and Adopt-a-Trail Program manager each have 20 years of service on the Forest in past roles ranging from LEO to FPO to Forest Sign Coordinator. Each is highly skilled in the management and maintenance of OHV facilities including trails. The O&M Leader is a certified SWECO operator having several years of experience maintaining OHV trails and facilities with this and other pieces of heavy equipment. The O&M Assistant/Monitoring Tech has nearly 5 years experience on the Forest, as well as previous experience with the BLM in Southern California. He has past education and experience in archeology and biological sciences which brings vast natural and cultural resource knowledge to the team.*

*The SBNFA OHV Volunteers are also highly trained and experienced. Prior to becoming a Volunteer Host, a volunteer must complete a series of trainings including basic ‘Host’ training, radio protocol, first aid and ‘scenario’ training during which potential Hosts are led through common scenarios when contacting the public and trained in proper responses to a variety of situations. Once an individual has completed all of these required trainings, they may then lead Volunteer patrols. Many of the current Volunteer Hosts have been with the program for years, some amassing several thousand hours of volunteer time on the Forest.”*

## **OR-2-SB-92 San Bernardino NF Law Enforcement 07** **Clarification of information found in grant application**

**NOT CONSENT** <suggested adjusted scores in red>  
**[76 out of 100][48 out of 100]**

**1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain longterm OHV recreation by: [23 out of 35][18 out of 35]**

a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

*The applicant would use patrol, an OHV guide, signs, barriers, and trail design to prevent resource damage.*

*Response: The application, on page 35, paragraph 3 states, "...Resource field staff and Adventure Pass employees supplement these efforts by enforcing OHV rules and regulations during other assigned duties. **Enforcement efforts are focused on educating the OHV community on land use ethics and the importance of enjoying the OHV activity by riding or driving on designated roads and trails...**" The application also states on page 35, paragraph 4, "...While the Volunteers have no authority to perform in a law enforcement capacity, they are invaluable as a prevention tool by handling emergency situations, providing 'presence', **educating the public about rules and regulations, and providing a reliable work force for restoration projects, which helps reduce the proliferation of unclassified roads and trails..**".*

*The application also states on page 37, paragraph 2, "The San Bernardino National Forest maintains a very proactive approach to prevention of resource damage. **A desirable OHV system designed in response to user needs, coupled with routine maintenance of designated routes, helps to create an environment in which the designated routes are often the location users prefer to be.** For example, the 50" and 24" trail networks on the Mountain Top District seldom sustain any resource impacts except when trees fall and block the trail, causing riders to bypass the tree and create off-route impacts. In the case of the Cactus Flats system, **T&E plant populations seldom sustain off-route impacts because the design of the trail encourages riders to remain on the trail, and in some cases prevents a rider from leaving the designated route.***

*In locations where the OHV system is disjointed or made up of roads, however, the Forest sustains a higher level of off-route impacts, as users presumably seek a more challenging or more interesting experience. In these locations, such as Baldy Mesa, the Forest first responds by treating off-route impacts as quickly as possible. **The Forest also increases volunteer and law enforcement patrols in areas of increased impacts as they are identified. Violators, when found, are cited for off-road violations. The San Bernardino National Forest intends to address these areas as top priority during the route designation process currently underway.** Experience indicates that providing a well-designed OHV opportunity, such as in the above examples, can reduce many of these impacts as users are inclined to stay on designated routes.*

b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property

*The applicant uses barriers, trail design, timely repair of impacts to prevent trespass.*

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests

*Sound testing is used to reduce conflicts.*

*Response: The application states on page 37, paragraph 2, "The Forest has recently increased its efforts in sound education and compliance by holding periodic sound enforcement check stations at staging areas and at the more frequented riding locations. The SBNFA OHV Volunteers have also contributed to this effort by hosting 'voluntary' sound check stations at busy trailheads and staging areas during periods of high use. While these voluntary checks do not normally result in any formal action, the OHV using public is offered the opportunity to understand noise regulations and safely, without fear of citation, test their own equipment for compliance. A primarily educational approach has been taken in past years due to the change in noise level to 96db. More citations are being issued now, however, as the regulations are no longer 'new' and the public has been exposed to a lengthy, comprehensive education program. Periodic sound testing is also conducted along trails and at points of conflict with other users or with residents when complaints are received."*

**2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:[23 out of 30][16 out of 30]**

*General Response: Many of these items (i.e. Emergency Response and Search and Rescue) were historically addressed in the Forest Law Enforcement Plan which is no longer required as part of the application.*

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes

*The applicant enforces both state and federal OHV codes.*

*Response: The application, on pages 37-39, describes in detail the Forest's efforts to enforce laws and regulations regarding; spark arresters, sound levels, resource damage through illegal activities, trespass, DUI and open container, and OHV registration.*

b. Emergency response

*The applicant's personnel are trained in first aid.*

*Response: The application also states on page 35, paragraph 4, "Forest law enforcement staff is also supported by OHV Volunteers, of which there are approximately 250 active members on the roster. Of the 20,000+ hours provided by the OHV host group last fiscal year, it is estimated that at least 75% of this time was in the patrol function. This equates to fourteen additional field staff for approximately 130 days apiece. **While the Volunteers have no authority to perform in a law enforcement capacity, they are invaluable as a prevention tool by handling emergency situations, providing 'presence', educating the public about rules and regulations...**"*

c. Search and rescue

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*Response: Application page 41 paragraph 1 states:*

*“Perhaps the greatest efficiency in the program, however, is the contribution made by the SBNFA OHV Volunteer ‘Hosts’. Prior to becoming Hosts, Volunteers attend training (conducted by Forest staff) in OHV rules and regulations, ‘scenarios’ (during which they are trained through enactments of common encounters and conflicts), radio protocol, and first aid/CPR. With this training, Volunteers are able to patrol the Forest at minimal cost, while still providing a quality ‘first line’ of information and public outreach. Volunteers also carry radios, allowing them to contact Forest staff when an emergency or search and rescue situation may arise.....”*

#### **d. Education/outreach**

*The application mentions a new OHV guide. Volunteers provide education patrol.*

*Information is available at kiosks.*

*Response: The application states on page 39, paragraph 5, “A new, high-quality OHV Guide for the Forest was also developed and printed in 2005, and has since been distributed at no cost to approximately 12,000 Forest OHV users. This map has replaced the previous Forest OHV ROGs (Recreation Opportunity Guides), which were developed in 1991 and last updated in 1997. The old maps were several generation old photocopies on 11” x 17” paper, contained little information and were difficult to read. The new OHV Guide is a folded, 40” x 27”, full-color ‘Forest Visitor Guide’ style map, and is being made available at no cost to the public. The new map contains additional information on OHV laws and regulations, safety and safety equipment, responsible use and general land use ethics. It has been extremely well received by the public and considered an improvement by OHV users and environmental supporters alike. Part of this request is for funding to print an additional 15,000 copies of the Forest OHV Guide.”*

*Page 35, paragraph 3 states, “Enforcement is primarily implemented by trained OHV patrol officers via motorcycles, ATVs or 4WD vehicles. Resource field staff and Adventure Pass employees supplement these efforts by enforcing OHV rules and regulations during other assigned duties. Enforcement efforts are focused on educating the OHV community on land use ethics and the importance of enjoying the OHV activity by riding or driving on designated roads and trails. Warnings or citations are issued as the situation warrants. Patrol activities are focused on weekends when the highest level of public use occurs.”*

*The application also states on page 35, paragraph 4, “Forest law enforcement staff is also supported by OHV Volunteers, of which there are approximately 250 active members on the roster. Of the 20,000+ hours provided by the OHV host group last fiscal year, it is estimated that at least 75% of this time was in the patrol function. This equates to fourteen additional field staff for approximately 130 days apiece. While the Volunteers have no authority to perform in a law enforcement capacity, they are invaluable as a prevention tool by handling emergency situations, providing ‘presence’, educating the public about rules and regulations, and providing a reliable work force for restoration projects, which helps reduce the proliferation of unclassified roads and trails. Reports from OHV Volunteers and law enforcement staff indicate that just over 28,500 public contacts were made last fiscal year, of which approximately 8,400 (of*

8,500 LE contacts) were in full compliance with State and Federal regulations regarding OHV use. The numbers of written/verbal warnings and citations are noted on the PAR.”

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)

*The project would use patrol, signs, and barriers.*

*Response: The application states on page 39, paragraph 4, “Regulatory signs and barriers are installed and maintained across the Forest to direct OHV users away from unclassified routes, sensitive habitats, cultural and historic resources, and restoration sites. Designated Vehicle Route signs (DVRs) are also installed on all legally designated roads and trails. All maps, kiosks, trailhead signs and brochures reference these signs, alerting users that travel is restricted to designated routes only. This proposal includes funding for the Forest O&M Leader and staff to install, maintain and replace signs and barriers as necessary to protect Forest resources and public health and safety.”*

**3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:**

**[18 out of 20][9 out of 20]**

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*Response: The application states on page 35, paragraph 4, “Forest law enforcement staff is also supported by OHV Volunteers, of which there are approximately 250 active members on the roster. Of the 20,000+ hours provided by the OHV host group last fiscal year, it is estimated that at least 75% of this time was in the patrol function. This equates to fourteen additional field staff for approximately 130 days apiece. While the Volunteers have no authority to perform in a law enforcement capacity, they are invaluable as a prevention tool by handling emergency situations, providing ‘presence’, educating the public about rules and regulations, and providing a reliable work force for restoration projects, which helps reduce the proliferation of unclassified roads and trails. Reports from OHV Volunteers and law enforcement staff indicate that just over 28,500 public contacts were made last fiscal year...”*

b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The Project Cost Deliverables pages show an agency contribution of \$64,700.*

*Response: The application describes on page 35, paragraph three that, “Resource field staff and Adventure Pass employees supplement these efforts by enforcing OHV rules and regulations during other assigned duties...”*

c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

*Forest Protections Officers provide the majority of the OHV patrols at a lower cost than Law Enforcement Officers. Application describes over 20,000 hours of volunteer time. An Adopt-a-trail Program is mentioned. Volunteers provide 130 extra patrol days. Additional details regarding the volunteer program are provided.*

*Response: The application states on page 35, paragraph 4, “Of the 20,000+ hours provided by the OHV host group last fiscal year, it is estimated that at least 75% of this*

time was in the patrol function. **This equates to fourteen additional field staff for approximately 130 days apiece.**

d. Reducing future costs

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*Response: The application states on page 40, paragraph 1 that, "The Forest is currently implementing a major restoration project in Baldy Mesa (funded 2005/2006 through OHMVRD) for the complete restoration of these 20 miles of routes. If these restoration sites are not routinely patrolled in the future, however, use patterns are unlikely to change and the restoration effort will be 'lost' as the trails are re-opened and adverse impacts continue to occur..." The application continues to state, "As more of the Forest is being opened once again to OHV use, areas adjacent designated routes that were once heavily vegetated and impassible by vehicle are now denude of vegetation and more subject to off-route travel and its associated impacts. Continued, frequent patrol of these newly reopened areas is necessary to prevent off-route travel and the resulting damage to sensitive habitats as they recover from fire." The application also states on page 40, paragraph 2 that, "...response times were often so long that the violator was 'long gone' before law enforcement could arrive. Unfortunately, this does little to prevent off-route impacts to cultural and natural resources and creates additional costs to restore those impacts. The proactive solution is to provide adequate levels of FPO staffing so that all OHV use areas on the Forest can be patrolled on a routine basis."*

e. Appropriate use of equipment

*Project would patrol by motorcycle, ATVs and four-wheel drive vehicles. Sound meters are used for testing.*

**4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:**  
**[12 out of 15][5 out of 15]**

a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant mentions completing two previous projects, but states that the final billing has not been submitted. No statement regarding time frame was found. [1][5]*

*Response: Application page 41 paragraph 4 states:*

*"...More recently, the Forest has completed two Cooperative Agreements with OHMVRD in 2003/2004 and 2004/2005. The first agreement, OR-2-SB-81, was completed in June, 2005. Final billing was submitted in September, 2005 when agreement was 100% complete. OR-2-SB-82 was completed June 30, 2006. When final billing is submitted, the Law Enforcement component of this agreement will be billed at 100% complete. Please see Forest-wide PAR, Section IX, pages 204-210 for detailed description of Law Enforcement accomplishments for OR-2-SB-82."*

**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 5 out of 5 in this criteria with similar explanation of past projects completed.**

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states; “During a recent audit of past agreements dating back to 1985, it was the State’s finding that only \$226,455.27 in past expenditures may be subject to repayment.” [2][3]*

*Response: Application page 41 paragraphs 3 and 4 state:*

*“The San Bernardino National Forest has successfully executed dozens of Cooperative Agreements with the OHMVRD since the program’s inception. During a recent audit of past agreements dating back to 1985, it was the State’s finding that only \$226,455.27 in past expenditures may be subject to repayment. It was the Forest Supervisor’s finding that, ‘in the past several weeks the Forest has been able to diligently research and recover records that refute all of the State’s audit exceptions. That information is summarized in the attached report, and hard copies of supporting documentation are enclosed. It is our strong belief that the Forest is not responsible for returning any of the requested.... balance claimed due by the State.’ This report is not included in this application, but can be made available upon request. In general, research indicated that refunds were made to the State when warranted and expenditures were made within the timeframes and deliverables of past agreements.*

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**NOTE: Conservation application was scored 3 out of 5 on this criteria based on same explanation of past fiscal responsibility.**

#### **c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)**

*The personnel involved in the OHV program are described. The Project Costs/Deliverable pages show \$126,621 in personnel costs, with \$64,892 in agency contributions. [2][4]*

*Response: The application describes in detail OHV law enforcement staff and their scheduling. Described on page 36 of the application are: a) three fulltime FPOs assigned each to a District with primary responsibility for OHV law enforcement. b) three full-time OHV maintenance staff who are all FPO certified and enforce OHV laws and regulations when engaged in field activities. c) All LEO staff on the Forest who each contributes approximately 10% of their time annually to enforcement of OHV laws and regulations.*

*The application also states on page 35, paragraph 4, that, “Forest law enforcement staff is also supported by OHV Volunteers, of which there are approximately 250 active members on the roster. Of the 20,000+ hours provided by the OHV host group last fiscal year, it is estimated that at least 75% of this time was in the patrol function. This equates to fourteen additional field staff for approximately 130 days apiece.”*